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Presidents, Raiders Renew Rivalry 92nd City Football Championship Thursday 10 A.M. Kickoff Veterans' Memorial Stadium - Coverage Begins Page 20



READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL - Quincy Presidents (above) and North Quincy Raiders (below) will renew their storied gridiron rivalry at the 92nd city football championship on Thanksgiving Day morning Thursday, Nov. 27. Kick off is at 10 a.m. at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. Here the teams run onto the field at earlier home games this season. The Presidents head into the game with a record of 3-7. The Raiders head into the game with a record of 4-6. North Quincy has won three of the last four Thanksgiving Day games including last year's game, 43-20. Quincy won two years ago, 40-35. More coverage of "The Game" begins on Page 20.

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POPULAR ATTRACTIONS at the 71st annual Quincy Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 1 will include the Aleppo Shriners Clowns (above), Santa Claus (right) who rides the route atop a Quincy fire truck and the Cycling Murray family (below right). The parade steps off at 12 noon from the intersection of Hannon Parkway, proceeds north on Hancock Street and ends at North Quincy High School.
Quincy Sun File Photos/Robert Bosworth

71st Annual Quincy Christmas Parade Sunday

The 71st annual edition of the Quincy Christmas Parade "Home for the Holidays" will take place on Sunday, Dec. 1.

The parade will step off at 12 noon from the intersection of Hannon Parkway, proceed north on Hancock Street and end at North Quincy High School.

The annual high school band competition judging will take place at Central Middle School as will the live QATV broadcast.

Sixteen bands will take part along with 16 floats and

numerous specialty units including the always popular Shriners Clowns and Fire Brigade, crowd favorites Wally and Tessie from the Boston Red Sox and long-time participants the Cycling Murray family.

Antique cars, a fire dancer and numerous costume characters will also be in the line of march.

New participant the Hobby Knoll Stables from Duxbury will bring a six horse hitch of their majestic Clydesdales which were recently featured in a Boston

Globe photo essay.

This year the USS Constitution Color Guard will be joined by the Ship's Captain Commanding Officer Crystal Schaefer who will march with the other members of the ship's command staff.

There will be numerous color guards headed by the Quincy Police, Quincy Fire and Quincy veterans organizations.

The parade will host two long-time Christmas charitable organizations. The Salvation Army will have

their tradition of collection with red kettles and the USMC Reserve members will collect unwrapped toys along the route in the Toys for Tots program.

Elementary school poster winners and the two theme contest winners Tracey Landers and Michelle Kelley will have ride in the parade as a reward for winning

the respective competitions. Mayor Thomas Koch will lead the elected officials from city, county and state offices.



A SWINGING CHRISTMAS



With KLEA BLACKHURST, JIM CARUSO and BILLY STRITCH

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'Tis the Season... Symphony & Song!

Celebrate the sounds of the holiday season with the

Quincy Symphony Orchestra
Quincy Public Schools Combined High School Choral Group
and
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Thursday, December 5, 2024
Quincy High School
Lloyd Hill Performing Arts Center
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

General Admission: \$20.00

Tickets may be purchased at Coddington, North Quincy and Quincy High Schools

Dinner, Performance and VIP Seating: \$40.00

A 3 course dinner will be served at Presidents Cafe (located in Quincy High School) prior to the evening performance. Dinner seating begins at 5:00 p.m. Dinner/Performance tickets may be purchased at Quincy Public Schools, 34 Coddington Street, Quincy, MA 02169 by November 29, 2024. Seating is limited. For additional information please call (617) 984-8731.

Tree Lighting Friday Kicks Off Festival Weekend

The city's 2024 Christmas Parade and Festival will be held this weekend starting Friday, Nov. 29 through Sunday, Dec. 1st.

Quincy's annual kick-off to Christmas and the holiday season begins on Friday, Nov. 29th from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Hancock Adams Common, located at 1305 Hancock St., with a musical performance by national, award-winning recording artist Michelle Brooks Thompson and band.

The Common will be filled with holiday spirit with roving stilt walkers, LED jugglers, fire shows, Victorian carolers, costumed characters for selfies, free popcorn, apple cider donuts and coffee, candy canes, hot chocolate and hot and cold cider. Holiday movies will play on an outdoor jumbotron.

The evening will culminate with a sing-a-long and the city's annual tree-lighting by Mayor Thomas Koch and a visit from Santa. A Menorah will also be on display for those members of the community who celebrate Hanukkah. Parking is available in the Kilroy Square garage as well as Presidents Place parking garage.

On Saturday, Nov. 30th at noon, families can turn their eye to the sky from Pageant Field, One Merrymount Parkway, as Santa will be arriving by helicopter to pay a visit to youngsters. Costumed characters will be on the ground to say hello.

The City of Quincy's 71st Christmas Parade will kick off at noon on Sunday, Dec. 1st at the intersection of Hancock Street and Walter J. Hannon Parkway, continuing up Hancock Street to North Quincy High School. Floats, marching bands and



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costumed characters, will fill the parade route with holiday cheer for all, and as tradition has it, expect a visit from Santa to anchor the parade before he heads back home to the North Pole.

"Our city's Christmas Parade, as well as our tree-lighting, Santa's visit to Pageant Field and taking pictures surrounded by the holiday lights on the Hancock Adams Common have all become special tradition in our community," said Mayor Koch. "So many families mark the weekend after Thanksgiving on their calendars to celebrate this kick-off to the holiday season with their loved ones. We hope you will come out and enjoy it with us."

Letters to Santa can be placed in "Santa's Mailbox" which will be located outside Quincy City Hall on the weekend of the events as well as throughout the holiday season.



SANTA CLAUS arrives by helicopter at Pageant Field Saturday, Nov. 30. Quincy Sun File Photo/Larry Carchedi

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Dec. 9, 1990, Lech Walesa, founder of the Solidarity trade union, won a landslide election victory, becoming the first directly elected Polish leader.

• On Dec. 10, 1690, a failed attack on Quebec and subsequent near-mutiny forced the Massachusetts Bay Colony to issue the first paper currency in the Western Hemisphere's history. It was initially unpopular for anything except paying taxes and was phased out, but reappeared in Massachusetts just a few years later.

• On Dec. 11, 1946, the General Assembly of the United Nations voted to establish the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), an organization designed to help provide relief and support to children living in countries that had been devastated by World War II.

• On Dec. 12, 1970, "Tears of a Clown," penned by William "Smokey" Robinson, became the first No. 1 hit for Robinson and his band the Miracles after more than a decade of hits that had failed to reach that coveted position. Bob Dylan would later call Robinson America's "greatest living poet" in recognition of his skill as a composer and lyricist.

• On Dec. 13, 2000, seven convicts (the "Texas Seven") overpowered civilian employees and prison guards in the maintenance shop where they worked at a maximum-security prison in South Texas and made off with clothing, guns and a pickup truck, triggering a six-week manhunt. The men left a note saying, "You haven't heard the last of us yet," which proved true the following year when six of them were recaptured (one committed suicide).

• On Dec. 14, 1982, actor Woody Harrelson's father, Charles Harrelson, was convicted of murdering Judge John Wood outside his home in San Antonio, Texas, as he bent down to look at a flat tire on his car. Wood was the first federal judge assassinated in the 20th century, and the FBI's three-year investigation into his murder was one of the most extensive since John F. Kennedy's assassination.

• On Dec. 15, 1974, the Oakland A's Jim "Catfish" Hunter was ruled a free agent by arbitrator Peter Seitz, becoming the first free agent in modern baseball history, after the team's owner, Charles O. Finley, failed to live up to the terms of his star pitcher's contract.

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The Garden Bug Prayer plant
This popular tropical houseplant (*Maranta leuconeura*) is known for its striking foliage and for how its leaves stay flat during the day, then fold up like praying hands at night. It is very slow-growing, but can eventually reach up to a foot in height indoors if conditions are suitable. Give these plants bright light to maintain growth, but avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight. Use well-draining, acidic soil and keep it evenly moist. Water with filtered or distilled water once the top layer of soil has dried out. - Brenda Weaver

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Council OKs New Pawnbroker Rules

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors have approved updating the city's regulations for pawnbrokers, a move Ward 1 Councillor David McCarthy said would be beneficial to law enforcement.

Councillors approved the updated regulations in a unanimous vote on Nov. 19. McCarthy, who sponsored the changes, said he drafted them in partnership with Police Chief Paul Kennedy and members of the Police Department.

"Our current pawn ordinance is outdated, and it needs to be updated to bring Quincy into a regional sharing partnership with a group called NESPIN, the New England State Police Information Network, and other law enforcement agencies," McCarthy said.

"The new software will provide pawnshop item information across the northeast region, helping law enforcement identify stolen pawn items easier, faster, so it gives them more tools in the toolbox."

The new system will make data entry less error prone, McCarthy said, and make it easier for law enforcement to recover stolen items.

"Eliminating the third party data entry of pawned

items will result in less input errors and misinformation, resulting in a streamlined approach for pawned items with standardized information," he said. "And it connects Quincy with regional partners...resulting in a lot of positive responses. You could have something that is a stolen item from Quincy pawned in Revere or elsewhere being discovered and vice versa."

Ward 4 Councillor James Devine welcome the changes. He said the use of the database would make it easier for law enforcement to track down stolen items.

"I think it's great, because some of these items are probably stolen and then somebody has something that is...not replaceable. Now it will be a lot easier to find it because it will be in that database. Criminals are smart and they take them further away, but this makes us have the ability to reach something much faster," Devine said. "These specialty items that may be one of a kind are going to be easier to find."

The new regulations update the record-keeping requirements for licensed pawnbrokers in the city. Rather than keeping their records in a book that must be made available to police and

other authorized personnel, pawnbrokers will now be required to keep a computerized record of transactions in a style and design approved by the chief of police. Pawnbrokers will also be required to "record the name and residence, date of birth, and social security number of the person pawning, selling or pledging such articles." The records are to be electronically transmitted to the Police Department on a daily basis. The pawnbroker also needs to photograph any person pawning, selling or pledging articles and keep those photographs for ten years.

The amendment also adds new retention periods for items purchased or deposited in pawn. Purchased items, including gemstones and precious metals, would need to be retained for at least one month. Articles deposited in pawn would need to be retained on the premises for at least four months, unless redeemed. After four months, they could be sold at public auction.

To operate in the city, pawnbrokers need a license from the Board of License Commissioners. The amended regulations allow the licensing board to deny an application if: the applicant made a material false

statement or concealed a material fact in connection with their application; the applicant or anyone with an interest in the business had a pawnbroker's license that was revoked or suspended; the applicant or anyone with an interest in the business has been "convicted of a felony, or of any crime involving violence, dishonesty, deceit, indecency, degeneracy or moral turpitude," in the prior seven years; the applicant "failed to furnish satisfactory evidence of good character, reputation and fitness"; or the applicant was not the true owner of the pawnshop.

The amendment would also prohibit "any person who has been convicted of a felony, or of any crime involving violence, dishonesty, deceit, indecency, degeneracy or moral turpitude, within seven years of the date of their employment" from working at a licensed pawnbroker.

The city's previous rules for pawnbrokers sets the interest rates they may charge at 3 per month between \$25 and \$100 and 2 percent per month over \$100 and bars minors from pawning or selling items. McCarthy's amendment does not impact those regulations.

Are Christmas Lights Safe? Tips To Avoid Risks

While holiday lights bring festive cheer, they can also pose serious hazards. Each year, hundreds of fires, injuries, and even fatalities are linked to faulty or improperly used Christmas lights, making safety a critical consideration for the season.

Florida personal injury attorneys at Fasig Brooks reveal how to avoid the risks associated with holiday lights, from overheating to electrical malfunctions, especially among cheaper or counterfeit products.

Hidden electrical defects—caused by poor materials,

manufacturing flaws, or damage—can lead to overheating, sparks, or electrical arcing.

Consumers are especially vulnerable when purchasing lights from unverified brands, often found online, where counterfeit products are prevalent. Such items may bypass safety standards, increasing the likelihood of failure.

To ensure your holiday season remains bright and safe, follow these expert tips to avoid common Christmas light dangers.

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READERS FORUM SUBMISSION POLICY

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The Quincy Sun reserves the right to end debate on a topic after both sides have had ample chance to express their views.

The Quincy Sun reserves the right to edit or refuse all letters.

Robert H. Bosworth
Publisher
The Quincy Sun

Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS 1910 real photo postcard reproduction showing Brewers Corner in South Quincy. The view is looking west down Copeland Street from Water Street. Granite Street crosses through the middle of the picture. On the left behind the utility pole and across Granite Street was the grocery store owned for 30 years by Frank Brewer

for whom this corner was named. He retired about the time of this photo and lived another 30 years in Quincy. The tall building in the center was the Casey Block with the Brewers Corner Drug Store on the first floor. It was destroyed by fire in 1958.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1980
44 Years Ago

Cost Of Prop. 2 1/2: Up To 400 City Jobs, \$10M In School Funds

Proposition 2 1/2 may cost as many as 400 city employees their jobs — not including school personnel. And the School Department may lose as much as \$10 million in its budget for Fiscal Year 1982.

Those are the grim figures that grew out of a presentation to the effects of Proposition 2 1/2 that is being given by Mayor Arthur Tobin to city officials and union heads.

The mayor said, after conferring with department heads over the weekend, that he prepared a list of about 112 positions that might have to be cut from the FY1982 budget.

Under Proposition 2 1/2, Quincy will have to reduce its property tax levy by 15% in 1982 and will lose 62 percent of its usual receipts from the auto excise tax.

TOWN BROOK HOUSE DEDICATION SUNDAY

Dedication services for the 151-unit Town Brook House elderly apartments on Brackett Street, Quincy Center, were scheduled to be held Sunday, Nov. 30.

The \$7 million, eight-story apartment building is sponsored by the Wollaston Lutheran Church which also sponsored Fenno House of Wollaston, which opened in 1973.

Conducting the dedication service will be Rev. Frank Bauer, pastor of Wollaston Lutheran Church and executive director of Wollaston Lutheran Church Apartments.

Also participating in the service will be Rev. William McCarthy, pastor of St. John's Church, and chairman of the Quincy Housing Authority.

Greetings will be offered by Mayor Arthur Tobin and U.S. Rep. Brian Donnelly.

Also scheduled to be in attendance were architect George Earl Ross and Edward Fish, president of Peabody Construction Co., the builder of the facility.

QUINCY-ISMS

A private reception was held at the Adams Mansion's Stone Library honoring **Wilhemina Harris's** 13th anniversary as superintendent of the Adams National Historical Park. . . **Cardinal Humberto Medeiros** concelebrated the Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Merrymount. The Mass honored the 40th anniversary of the founding of the parish. **Msgr. Charles Finn**, at 103, believed to be the nation's oldest priest, was in attendance at the Mass. . . **Kevin Doolittle**, a student at Eastern Nazarene College, was scheduled to be featured at an "Anniversary of Finland's Independence, 1917-1980." The event was to be held at the West Quincy Congregational Church. . . **Joe Doherty**, Joe Doherty Insurance, 518 Hancock St., Quincy, says "Call Me Before Something Happens." . . Quincy Junior College was planning an "Open College Week Celebration" for Dec. 1-4 between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. "Chat with the faculty, sit in on a class." . . The General Dynamics Shipyard was awarded a \$15 million contract to construct a 471-foot chemical carrier barge which will carry chemicals between the Gulf and the Atlantic Ocean. . . Quincy Typewriter Service, 5 Maple St., Quincy Center, was advertising "Factory Reconditioned Electrostatic Copiers" for \$695, original price: \$3,295. . . **Pvt. Mark Oberlander**, son of Henry F. Oberlander of Quincy, and Jean D. Kaiser, Potter Place, N.C., was receiving basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. . . **Joseph F. Walsh**, North Quincy, assistant director of admissions at Boston College, has been named to the advisory board of the Massachusetts Advanced Studies Program. . . Hairplace One and Two, 1-3 Maple St., Quincy Center, was offering "Males, Tuesday and Thursday Specials, Blow Cut, Including Shampoo, \$8.50." . . Woodwards, Inc., 111 McGrath Highway, Quincy, was advertising a special, "We check your front end, springs and shocks, all for only \$2.00." . . The Quincy High School sophomore football team finished one of its best seasons ever, defeating the North Quincy sophomores by a 26-8 score. Leaders on offense included quarterback **Bob Mudge**, **Mark Righini**, **Mike Miller**, **Chris Dracchio** and **John Pickering**. . . The annual Quincy High-North Quincy High Thanksgiving Day football game was scheduled to be broadcast over W.J.D.A. with **Charlie Ross** doing the play-by-play and **Roy Lind** on color. . . Remick's, Hancock Street, Quincy Center, was advertising "Real Levi's, Cords for \$10.99 Each, Two Pairs \$20." . . Rogers Jewelry, 1402 Hancock St., Quincy Center, noted that "with the price of gold, silver and diamonds at the highest levels, now is the time to receive the most cash for yours."

Are Christmas Lights Safe? Tips To Avoid Risks

1. Replace and Inspect Lights Before Use

Before decorating, inspect for damaged bulbs, frayed wires, or cracks that expose electrical components and increase fire risk. Replace faulty bulbs per manufacturer specifications and discard heavily worn strings.

2. Choose the Right Lights and Accessories

Use lights designed for their purpose—indoor lights lack weatherproofing, and outdoor lights may not be safe indoors. Choose certified products (e.g., UL, ETL) and pair them with extension cords rated for indoor or outdoor use as needed.

3. Prevent Moisture and Overloads

Keep connections dry with cord protectors or elevated junctions to prevent fires or electrocution. Avoid overloading outlets and follow guidelines for light strings. Use GFCI

outlets for extra safety.

4. Secure and Position Lights Safely

Hang outdoor lights with U-shaped staples or insulated hooks to prevent damage to the cords. Avoid nails or screws that could puncture wires, and ensure ladders are stable during setup. Indoors, avoid positioning cords where they might be pinched or tripped over.

5. Turn Off Lights When Unattended

Leaving lights on overnight or while away from home increases the risk of overheating and fire. Use timers to automate shut-off during sleeping hours or extended absences. This not only prevents hazards but also saves energy.

So, are Christmas Lights Safe to Use?

When used properly, Christmas lights are a safe and enjoyable way to celebrate the holidays.

READERS FORUM

Quincy Second To None In Honoring Our Veterans

I was happy to see that the City of Quincy, under the leadership of Mayor Koch, recently dedicated a memorial at Mount Wollaston Cemetery to veterans of conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan, and in our country's war against terror. The memorial, which honors all Quincy men and women who served in those wars, includes a special place of honor dedicated to those who lost their lives in those conflicts.

Mayor Koch deserves a great deal of credit for Quincy's

commitment to remember and honor all those who served. The city's tributes to those who served, along with Quincy's annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades and ceremonies of remembrance, I am proud to say, show that Quincy is second to none when it comes to honoring our veterans.

Thank you, Mayor Koch.

Liza Lawrence
Quincy

Let's Remember: Nothing Is In Vain

It's a welcome surprise to many to hear that the State Ethics Commission's intervention played a part in the mayor's decision to defer his 79% pay raise until the next election cycle. This whole issue started long before summer, and for months there was no news of state intervention.

It's a good thing people never gave up the fight to repeal these raises—they kept pushing forward with petition drives, open letter campaigns, rallies, emails, phone calls, letters to the newspaper, and media interviews. Now that we know the state agency stepped in, it's a strong reminder that, even if the wheels turn slowly, checks and balances can still work!

As an immigrant from a country without democratic governance, this news is especially meaningful to me. Like many immigrants from non-democratic countries, I look to America as a beacon of democracy. Having experienced authoritarian practices firsthand, many of us are especially vigilant about abuses of power—sometimes even more so than people born here. We know the dangers of unchecked authority, which is why we sometimes protest with extra urgency. The open letter campaign urging councillors to hold public meetings and reconsider the raises, for example, started within the Asian community and soon expanded

citywide. Within three weeks, over 400 people had signed open letters to city councillors.

Sometimes, though, I feel a bit disillusioned with American democracy. While collecting signatures, I heard people say, "It's the same everywhere; those in power just look out for each other." I've also seen people hesitate to speak up, fearing retaliation from authorities. And the mayor recently singled out a resident in the newspaper simply for criticizing his massive pay raise—a move that felt like a personal attack on dissent.

But the fact that the State Ethics Commission actually stepped in—something that would never happen in a non-democratic country—still gives me hope in American democracy. America has structures in place to ensure checks and balances; let's hope that stays strong.

We need to make the most of those checks and balances and, above all, continue our own efforts to protect democracy. The struggle isn't easy anywhere, not even in America. But when we feel disheartened, let's remember: nothing is in vain, and all efforts will pay off eventually.

Ziqiang (Susan) Yuan
WeVoters.org
Quincy

December Council On Aging Activities At Kennedy Center

By **MARIE FERENT**
Assistant Director
Quincy Elder Services

The Quincy Council on Aging announces the following events are scheduled during the month of December. The COA is located at the Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum St., North Quincy.

Sign ups begin Monday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

Computer Classes Grace Buscher

Tuesday Classes 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Individual Appointments Wednesday by appointment from 1-3:30 p.m.

Individual Appointment times on Thursday by appointment 9 - 11:30 a.m. Please Call 617-376-1506 to register.

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd - iPhone/iPad - Learn the basics of how to work your iPhone/iPad

Wednesday, Dec. 4th - Individual Appointments

Thursday, Dec. 5th - Individual Appointments

Tuesday, Dec. 10th - Artificial Intelligence - What is AI? The good, the bad, and the ugly. What does it mean for you?

Wednesday, Dec. 11th - Individual Appointments

Tuesday, Dec. 17th - Search Engines - How do you find things on the internet. What is a search engine and why do you need it?

Wednesday, Dec. 18th - Individual Appointments

Thursday, Dec. 19th - Individual Appointments

Birthday Party

Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 1:30 P.M.

You are invited to a birthday celebration (all are welcome). At Hamel-Lydon Chapel, we also believe in the celebration of life. So come join us for cake and ice cream if it is your birthday! And even if it is not, come and join us for our celebration! Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to reserve your spot.

Benefits Specialist

Thursday, Dec. 5th

Benefits Support Specialist Nadia Montrond from South Shore Elder Services will be at the Kennedy Center to assist members with the following services: SNAP application, Senior MassHealth Application or renewal, MassHealth questions/concerns and Community Home Care Services/Resources for seniors. Appointments are required. Appointments will be 30 minutes long. Please call 617-376-1506 to make an appointment.

Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 5th at 1:30 P.M.

The book club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The book for the December meeting is "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

Bingo

Monday, Dec. 9th at 1 P.M.

Join the Quincy Rotary Club/Friends of The Kennedy Center for an afternoon of Bingo and a chance to win prizes! Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Mindfulness

Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 10 A.M.

Mindfulness for Healthy Aging aims to educate and empower aging adults with practical and powerful tools that can enhance their overall health and well-being. Come and learn mindfulness skills that have been proven to enhance longevity, reduce stress, improve attention span, and reduce pain. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to

register.

Healthy Snacks and Happy Chats

Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 1 P.M.

Join us for a Christmas potluck and some good conversation. Space is limited. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Scattergories

Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 2 P.M.

Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 11 A.M.

Come play the word game Scattergories! If you don't know how to play, it is quick to pick up and easy to learn. Have some fun exercising your brain and make some new friends. No registration required.

Men's Discussion

Thursday, Dec. 12th at 10 A.M.

The meeting for the men's discussion group for the month of December is Thursday, Dec. 12th at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Senator John Keenan.

Women's Discussion

Thursday, Dec. 12th at 1:30 P.M.

The meeting for the women's discussion group for the month of December is Thursday, Dec. 12th at 1:30 p.m.

Mobile Foot Care

Friday, Dec. 13th

Donna Golden, Certified Nurse Practitioner and Foot Care Specialist with Mobile Medical Foot Care will be at the Kennedy Center to provide toenail cutting services on Friday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 for a 20-minute appointment payable to Quincy Council on Aging on the day of appointments. Please call 617-376-1506 to schedule an appointment. Must be a Kennedy Center member to make appointment.

Bracelet Making

Friday, Dec. 13th at 10 A.M.

Come join Ruthie and Elizabeth for a bracelet making class! The cost is \$3 for a bracelet and all materials will be provided. Registration is required and payment is due at the time of registration.

Quincy's Memory Café

**Hosted by Standish Village at the Kennedy Center
Monday, Dec. 16th at 12 Noon**

Brought to you by Standish Village Assisted Living & Compass Memory Support, Quincy's Memory Café welcomes those living with memory loss or dementia and their care partners, family and friends. While Memory Café is open to anyone in the community, any guest who requires a personal care attendant must have a caregiver present. Please call 617-376-1243 to register for the café or with any questions.

Hancock Park

Holiday Bingo Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 1:30 P.M.

Come join us for an afternoon of festive bingo fun! Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Acrylics Class

Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 1 P.M.

Join acrylics teacher Karen Kelley for an acrylics class and make a wooden sign. No painting experience required. All supplies are provided. Space is limited. \$24 includes all supplies. Payment is due at the time of registration.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 1 P.M.

The Alzheimer's Support group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. For more information about the group, please call Marge Donaher at 617-376-1243.

Monthly Bereavement Support Group

Thursday, Dec. 19th at 1 P.M.

All are welcome. This is a monthly group that provides a space for sharing and support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Michelle Lydon facilitates the group. Sponsored by Hamel-Lydon Chapel. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Merry Men Foundation Fundraiser Dec. 14

The Merry Men Foundation, a Quincy-based charitable organization, is hosting its annual Christmas Party fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at Granite Links. Founded in 2021, the foundation has already made a significant impact, donating over \$100,000 to support local families in need during the holiday season.

This year's event promises to be the foundation's biggest yet. A \$100 donation enters you into a \$10,000 drawing and other cash prizes. In addition to the grand raffle, attendees will have the chance to bid on a variety of items in silent auctions and high end raffles, all benefiting families in Quincy and the surrounding areas.

Dalton & the Sheriffs will be playing live and there might even be a special appearance by the big guy in a red suit. Join us for an evening dedicated to giving back! Community

Dot Mandala
Friday, Dec. 20th at 10:30 A.M.
Come join Elizabeth and Ruthie for a dot mandala painting class. All supplies included. The cost is \$3 payable at time of registration.

Rock Painting
Friday, Dec. 20th at 1:30 P.M.
Come join us in the Art room and paint a rock with your own unique design! Paint supplies provided. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Trivia
Friday, Dec. 27th at 11 A.M.
Come play trivia and test your knowledge! Have some fun with friends and a chance to win a prize! No registration is required.

Singo Bingo
Friday, Dec. 27th at 1 P.M.
Singo is bingo where we replace the numbers with your favorite songs. Test your musical knowledge and luck. Have some fun and win some prizes! Sing, dance laugh, Singo is all about a good time. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Hamel Lydon presents
'Thelma' Movie Monday, Dec. 30th at 1 P.M.

In "Thelma," 94-year-old Hollywood box office star June Squibb plays the victim of the grandparent scam. Thelma receives a call from a scammer claiming to be her grandson and, after falling victim to it, she takes matters into her own hands. A comedy - action movie based on the real-life experience of director Josh Margolin's own grandmother, the film uses humor to address the global epidemic of scams. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

The Council on Aging has spots available on the following trips:

Please come in and sign up ASAP

**Edwards Twins Ultimate Vegas Christmas Show
Thursday, Dec. 12th**

Lake Pearl! \$127 per person Twin brothers Anthony and Eddie Edwards are the country's premiere celebrity illusionist! Utilizing the latest Hollywood grade make up and prosthetics as well as the fashion designers of the stars themselves, the end result is a nonstop parade of stars on stage! The Edwards Twins perform the hit songs of Sonny and Cher, Billy Joel, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Lionel Richie, and many more! This show will also include your favorite holiday songs along with the hits from your favorite stars. Price includes lunch, show, taxes, and gratuities.

Must be a Kennedy Center member.

Payment due at time of registration. Checks only. Checks made payable to QCOA. The bus leaves at 10:45 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m.

New Years at Noon

Tuesday, Dec. 31st

\$132 per person. Ring in the New Year in style and countdown to "midnight" with a New Year's Eve Premier Brunch Cruise on Boston Harbor. Experience Boston from a whole new perspective. Your group will board at 10:30 a.m. and you will then have a "fantastic" 2-hour cruise aboard the beautiful Odyssey from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious brunch buffet with freshly prepared entrees, salads, and desserts. For your dancing and listening pleasure there will be a DJ on board! Holiday décor, horns and hats will be available for your champagne toast at noon to officially welcome 2025 in style! There is walking involved from the drop off point at Rowe's wharf to the dock. The price includes transportation, brunch, party favors, drive around Boston, and driver gratuity.

Must be a Kennedy Center member.

Check only for payment made out to QCOA. Payment due at time of registration. The bus leaves from Squantum Point Park at 9:45 a.m. and returns home at approximately 4 p.m.

Wollaston Garden Club Holiday Greens Sale Dec. 7

The members the Wollaston Garden Club are preparing for its Holiday Greens Sale on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Wollaston Congregational Church Social Hall, 48 Winthrop St., Wollaston.

Be sure to arrive early for the best selections from the creative minds of the WGC's members. There will be decorated wreathes, indoor and outdoor arrangements, smaller arrangements and gifts, pine cones and large bags of greens to decorate your spaces. Club members have also created bows and swags to beautify your homes.

Prices are reasonable and the proceeds support the Wollaston Garden Club's many projects in the community, including civic beautification, scholarships, school food waste diversion projects and garden therapy at senior living facilities across Quincy.

The Club looks forward to seeing many neighbors on Dec. 7th, so please save the date. And don't forget to join those who are always in line before 9 a.m. The Holiday Greens Sale is a holiday tradition for many.

members and supporters are encouraged to attend, with all proceeds going toward holiday assistance for local families. Any questions email merrymentfoundation@gmail.com.

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December Children's Events, Activities At Crane Library

By JULIE RINES
Children's Coordinator

Thomas Crane Public Library

The following events and activities for children are scheduled during the month of December at the Thomas Crane Public Library.

Arabic Storytime @Adams Shore ages 0-7

The Library is pleased to be working with dedicated community members to offer a monthly storytime in Arabic. Join us on Monday, Dec. 2nd at 6:15 p.m. at the Adams Shore library for this program which will be conducted primarily in Arabic with the intention of helping young Arabic language learners to improve their skills. This program is suitable for children up to age 7.

Art in the Evening Ages 2-5

Kids and their grownups are invited to join us for "Art in the Evening" at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd in the Children's Room to make sparkly icicles.

This program is for adults and children together. All grownups must be accompanied by a child.

Pajama Storytime for ages 1-5

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly pajama storytime for the whole family. This program is especially for children ages 1-5 accompanied by an adult.

Concert with Mara and Motoko for ages 0-5

Join Mara and Motoko on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 10 a.m. for an interactive music program featuring a mix of classic children's music, Disney hits and a few original songs.

This program is best suited to children ages 0-5 and their families.

Night Owls Book Club for Grades 3 and 4

We invite children in grades 3 and 4 to join us to discuss a chapter book or graphic novel on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We'll vote for upcoming titles at the end of each meeting.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10th we'll get together discuss "Last Kids on Earth" by Max Brallier.

Copies of the book are available for pick up in the Children's Room.

Tween Hangout for grades 5-7

Tweens in grades 5-7 are invited to drop in to the Blue Room in Children's between 2:30 and 5 p.m. on Wednes-

days, Dec. 11th and 18th to hang out with friends, play a game, do a craft or maybe even some homework.

Double Booked for grades 4-7

A book club for adults and their 4-7th grader. Adult and child will both read the book and we will get together to discuss it together. Do you think both the kids and adults will have the same perspective on what we read?

Our next meeting will be on Dec. 12th at 6:30 p.m. where we will be discussing "Prairie Lotus" by Linda Sue Park.

Copies of the book are available for pick up in the Children's Room.

STEAM Team Grades 1-3

Welcome all 1st-3rd graders to this awesome new STEM program! We are excited to start this monthly project-based program that will get your children excited about STEM! Through experiments, hands-on projects, and lots of technology we will have tons of fun learning!

Join us on Friday, Dec. 13th from 3-4 p.m. for STEAM Team where we will be working on a Gingerbread Baby engineering project.

This program is for children in Grades 1-3. **Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents.** Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 2nd.

Super Awesome Hangout Club for grades 3-7

Calling all 3rd-7th graders! Come hang out with old friends and make some new ones!

Join us at our hangout in the Children's blue room on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 6:30 p.m. to play board and card games.

Review Crew for grades 5-7

Join us on the third Thursday of each month and be a part of the Review Crew.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 7 p.m. where we will be discussing "Something Old, Something New."

Homeschool Hangout for ages 5-13

Join us on the 3rd Friday of each month for a homeschool program for kids and caregivers, covering topics from STEM to art and beyond!

Our next meeting will be on Friday, Dec. 20th from 9:30-11 a.m..

Welcome Winter Cocoa and Coloring for All Ages

Join us on Friday, Dec. 20th from 2-4 p.m. for cocoa and coloring to welcome winter.

Mother Goose Extravaganza for ages 4-36 months

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 21st at 10 a.m. in the large meeting room at the Main Library for a very special Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme Extravaganza!

This is a fun-filled program of nursery rhymes and songs for children ages 4 months to 3 years old accompanied by an adult.

No registration is required.

LEGO Play for ages 5+

Drop in on Friday, Dec. 27th from 10 a.m. to noon for free-play LEGO building. Grab some LEGO bricks and build a boat, a spaceship, a double-decker couch - anything you want, then toss them back and try to make something else. LEGOs must be returned by the end of the program, sorry!

Parents please note these are regular LEGO, not DUPLO and are not appropriate for smaller children.

Snowy Science @North Quincy ages 4+

Join us at the North Quincy Library on Monday, Dec. 30th at 2 p.m. to do some wintry snow science! We'll make snowflakes, explore crystal shapes, and even simulate an avalanche!

This program is for children ages 4 and older accompanied by an adult.

Storytimes

StoryLab - Physical Sciences @North Quincy ages 4-8
Mondays 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9 at 3 p.m.

Rock-a-bye Baby Storytime for ages 4-11 months

Tuesdays 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 at 9:30 a.m.

Mother Goose Storytime for ages 12-24 months

Tuesdays at 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 11 a.m. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Toddler Storytime @Adams Shore for ages 2-3

Tuesdays 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 at 10 a.m.

ABC Storytime for ages 3-5

Wednesdays 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/18 at 10 a.m.

Mother Goose Storytime for ages 12-24 months

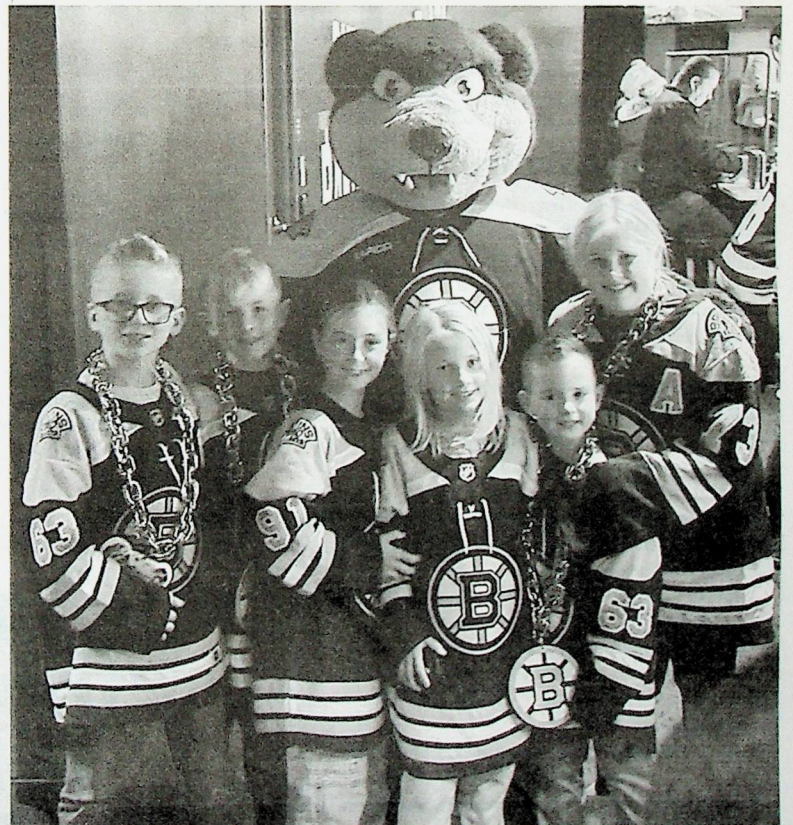
Thursdays at 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 9:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

All programs sponsored and supported by the Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library.



LOCAL 103 Business Agent Brad Vinton with youth from Quincy Youth Hockey.

Courtesy Photos



BLADES THE BRUIN hanging out with Quincy Youth Hockey youth.

Local Youth Score Big Thanks To IBEW 103, NECA At Bruins Game

Youth from Quincy enjoyed an unforgettable evening attending the Nov. 16th Boston Bruins' game at TD Garden, where they cheered on the B's during the thrilling overtime loss to the St. Louis Blues, with a final score of 2-3. This special experience is thanks to the Community Power Play initiative.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of IBEW Local 103 and NECA Greater Boston, a group of enthusiastic kids from Quincy Youth Hockey experienced the excitement of NHL hockey up close, watching teamwork in action during an action-packed game.

As official partners of the Boston Bruins, Local 103 and NECA team up to create memorable experiences for young people across Greater Boston. As part of the Community Power Play, the kids received player jerseys from the Bruins and got a visit from Blades the Bruin.

"IBEW Local 103 is excited about this partnership and the opportunities it creates. We're always looking for ways to engage with our community, especially when we can give kids a night at the Garden to watch their favorite team," said Lou Antonellis, Business Manager of IBEW Local 103. "They had an amazing time and got to see one of the NHL's

most historic teams in action."

"Our partnership with the Boston Bruins allows young people to see teamwork and dedication in action," said Kristen Gowin, NECA Greater Boston, Executive Manager. "Through Community Power Play, we're creating moments these kids will cherish for a lifetime."

"This was an incredible experience for our kids," said Alicia MacPherson of Quincy Youth Hockey. "Thanks to IBEW 103, NECA, and the Bruins, they got to see their favorite hockey players up close and feel like part of the action. It's partnerships like this that make a lasting impact on our community."

Suzie's Kitchen by Suzie Falco



Happy Thanksgiving

To all our wonderful and loyal readers.

This is the first Thanksgiving without our mom/mimi joining us at the dinner table. Although she wasn't able to make anything the last few years, she certainly loved coming to our home (many hours before dinner would even be ready) to help and to be a taste tester.

She always made a speech before we dug into our feast and showed us through her words and her deeds how grateful she was to be with all of us, sharing our day together. It won't be the same without her and her "toast" where even the little ones raised their glasses.

We all miss her dearly.

Enjoy your day however you celebrate, whether you cook or not. It is a day of giving thanks. Here's to a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Mangia!

Goat Cheese Appetizers

Here is an easy and absolutely delicious appetizer that looks festive and your family will devour!

8 ounces goat cheese

Topping mix

1/3 cup finely chopped pecans

1/3 cup finely chopped dried cranberries

1/4 tsp sea salt and pepper each

1 teaspoon dried parsley

Sprigs or rosemary for decoration (optional but adds so much!)

Mix all topping ingredients together.

Simply roll your goat cheese into balls (oiled hands or even wet hands will prevent sticking or you can use gloves).

Roll into the topping to cover all the balls.

Place on a platter and insert the sprigs on top.

Serve with assorted crackers.

Turkey and Stuffing Meatballs

Here's a recipe my sister Rita sent me that has been adapted from "Bon Appetit." It's absolutely delicious and just like we all like, it's easy peasy!

These are Turkey and Stuffing Meatballs with cranberry dipping sauce. Sounds fancy!

1 lb organic ground turkey

1/4 cup olive oil (for the pan)

4 tablespoons melted butter

1/2 cup organic half and half

1/2 cup chicken broth

1 package of your favorite stuffing mix (I use "Alexia" brand organic GF)

1 medium size onion grated

1 carrot grated

1 large egg

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

1/2 tsp thyme or rosemary

1/2 tsp sea salt

1/2 tsp pepper

1 tsp garlic powder or granules

Mix the half and half, broth and melted butter with the stuffing and set aside for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile mix everything else together then add the stuffing mixture. Mix well.

Roll into balls and bake (roll in the olive oil to coat) on greased cookie sheet (coated with your olive oil) at 375 for about half an hour (depending on how large you make the meatballs).

Serve with a simple sauce

1 can whole berry cranberry sauce

3 tablespoons honey

Juice of half of a lemon

A tablespoon lemon zest

A pinch of sea salt

Place in blender and mix until smooth.

Enjoy!

Spinach Gratin

Here is a recipe my daughter Bella made last year for Thanksgiving. The only bad thing about it is that there were no more leftovers! It was that delicious.

This year she will be making two batches. This is the Barefoot Contessas spinach gratin recipe.

Spinach Au Gratin (use organic if possible especially for the dairy products)

2 large yellow onions, chopped

1/2 stick butter

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1 cup heavy cream

2 cups milk

5 bags frozen spinach (10 oz each). DEFROSTED

(Also did you know most times frozen vegetables contain more vital nutrients than grocery store fresh! That's because grocery store veggies sit for so long usually that their nutrients diminish quite a bit. Unless of course they are from farmers market or you grow your own.)

1 cup grated parmesan

1 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper

1/2 cup Gruyère cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 425

Meanwhile sauté the onion in the butter until translucent. Add the flour and nutmeg and cook a little more.

Add the milk and cream and cook until thickened.

Squeeze out as much water as you can from the spinach (I use a tea towel) add half the parm and stir well.

Place in greased casserole and add the rest of the parm and the Gruyère.

Bake until bubbly and lightly browned.

Pumpkin Spice Latte

Most people don't think of pumpkin in a hot creamy drink but this is really something else! This has no refined sugar (it used dates for a sweetener) and is soothing and delicious on these cool fall evenings.

Pumpkin Spice Latte

1 1/2 cups organic whole milk (or a dairy free milk like Malk brand almond milk which doesn't contain any gums or bad oils)

1/3 cup pumpkin puree

4 pitted medjool dates that have been soaked in boiling water until softened, maybe 10 minutes

1/4 tsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp ginger

Dash of nutmeg

Simply mix all in a blender until smooth.

Transfer to saucepan and heat until simmering.

Serve in your favorite mug with a sprinkle of cinnamon or with a cinnamon stick.

Thanksgiving Salad

I feel like a nice fall salad is what is typically missing from the Thanksgiving table. I have experimented over the years and honestly this is easy and one of my favorites (as well as everyone's).

Feel free to experiment yourselves but please no bottled dressing! They are typically full of seed oils and overly processed. Nothing like a homemade one to impress your guests!

I like to start with a base of arugula (usually I use two containers but depends on number of guests)

I roast either butternut squash or sweet potatoes that I chop into bite size pieces and toss with olive oil, salt, pepper, thyme and rosemary. Let cool. I made these a couple days in advance so I don't get overwhelmed. (I do two potatoes).

Dried cranberries (as many as you like!)

Crumbled goat cheese (plain or herbed)

Chopped walnuts or pumpkin seeds

Slivered thin red onion

Shaved carrots

Dressing:

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

1/4 cup fig balsamic vinegar (worth it! Or do plain)

1 tblsp Dijon mustard

1 tblsp pure maple syrup

1/4 tsp garlic granules

Sea salt and pepper to taste

I put the dressing in a jar with a cover and just shake up. Dress the salad right before serving.

You may need to make extra if your salad is large.

Baked Pumpkin Mac & Cheese

I have a confession to make. I did not make this nor is it my recipe BUT I am going to make it this Thanksgiving because this woman makes some amazing carby cheesy recipes. This is from Nora who blogs "cheatdays" on instagram. I did change it up a little but not too much.

Baked Pumpkin Mac and Cheese

1 lb pasta of choice (I'm going to do rotini)

2 Tblsp butter

2 cups half and half

1 cup pumpkin puree

1 teaspoon sea salt

1/2 tsp black pepper

1/2 tsp nutmeg

1/4 tsp cinnamon

3 cups cheddar cheese grated

1 cup Gruyere cheese grated

Topping

1/4 cup chopped pecans

1/2 cup panko bread crumbs

1/4 cup grated parm

2 Tblsp olive oil

1/2 tsp sea salt

1/4 tsp pepper

Assortment of chopped herbs such as sage, rosemary, thyme and parsley (like the song but I think I mixed up the order:)

Preheat oven to 350. Cook your pasta al dente.

Drain the pasta.

Melt the butter in a sauce pan and everything but the cheese. Heat until just simmering not boiling.

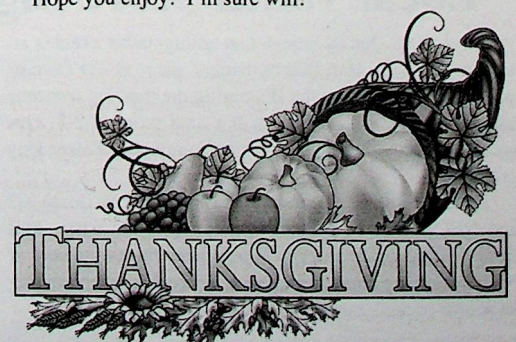
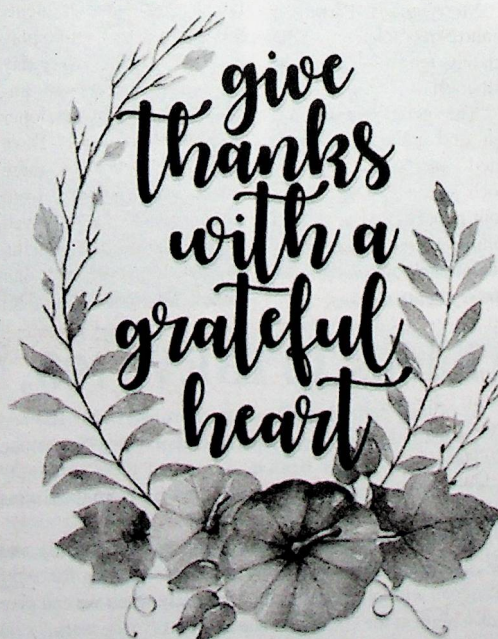
Now add the cheeses and stir until melted (off the heat).

Simple toss with the pasta, place in greased 9 by 13 inch baking pan.

Top with your mixture and bake about 25-30 minutes until golden brown and bubbly.

You can broil the last minute if you want it crispier.

Hope you enjoy! I'm sure will!



Social Security Matters Ask Rusty – When Should My Wife Claim Social Security Benefits?

By RUSSELL GLOOR
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of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I turned 64 in July and my wife turned 62 in August. My wife has not worked for approximately 15 years but does qualify for Social Security on her prior work record. My wife is having some physical issues and would like to not return to work. Since she is eligible to collect Social Security, that would be an option to provide additional income, so she doesn't have to work. My question is how would it affect her future SS spousal benefits based on my record if she begins collecting her own benefit now? I plan to work until at least my full retirement age (67), and maybe longer, but plan to start collecting SS at 67 even I continue working. **Signed: Working Husband**

Dear Working: If your wife has the required 40 SS quarter credits, she is eligible to collect reduced retirement benefits at 62 (for that needed extra income), but her age 62 benefit will be about 70% of what it would be if she waited until her SS full retirement age (FRA) to claim. That reduction would, in turn, carry over to her spousal benefit when you eventually claim your SS benefit. Here's why:

Your wife's spousal amount when you claim will be a combination of her own SS retirement benefit, plus an auxiliary amount (a "spousal boost") that she is entitled to as your spouse. At age 62, her own benefit will be cut by 30% and she can collect that reduced amount until you claim, at which point her spousal boost will be added to make her benefit equal her spousal entitlement. So, her total benefit as your spouse (when you claim) will consist of her reduced age-62 amount, plus an additional amount as your spouse.

If you claim at 67, your wife will be about 2 years short of her own FRA, which means that her spousal boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. That reduced spousal boost will be added to her already reduced (age 62) SS retirement benefit, which will make her total benefit less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

So, your wife claiming her own reduced SS retirement benefit at 62 also means her spousal benefit amount will be affected, and taking her spousal boost before her FRA means that the boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until she reaches her own FRA (67) to claim Social Security benefits.

Having said all of that, if your wife's physical issues suggest that she claims her benefits early and she is comfortable with the smaller benefit she will get, then that may be the right choice. For reference, the reduction to your wife's spousal boost amount (if you claim at your FRA) will be about 17%, and that reduced spousal boost will be added to her reduced age 62 SS retirement amount. The end benefit for your wife (if you claim at age 67) will likely be about 42% of your FRA entitlement (instead of 50%).

FYI, you can further delay your own SS retirement benefit (up to age 70) for a higher benefit yourself, but that would also mean your wife would need to wait longer to get her spousal boost. You could also wait to claim your SS until your wife reaches age 67 (her FRA), which would give you a higher personal amount and also ensure your wife gets her maximum spousal boost (but her total will still be less than 50% of yours because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit at 62). When to claim Social Security depends on financial need and life expectancy. If a long life expectancy is anticipated, waiting longer to claim is often the best move. But financial need always trumps waiting longer.

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Local Charities Seeking Assistance To Help Others This Holiday Season

By SCOTT JACKSON

With the holiday season now upon us, local charities are looking for your assistance to help out the families and residents they serve.

Quincy's charities say they are serving more clients this year than in years past. To help keep pace with the rising demand, those charities need additional assistance from those who can give.

Residents who can help can do so in myriad ways, such as giving food, toys, household supplies, money and gift cards. Charities are also in need of volunteers – not just during the holiday season, but year-round.

Below is a list of some of the local organizations making a difference this year and how the public can land them a hand.

Quincy Community Action Programs

Local individuals and families are facing some of the most critical financial challenges that Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. (QCAP) has witnessed since the organization's founding in 1965.

Local food insecurity remains alarmingly high, and is compounded by the need for housing and heating assistance as rents continue to rise. Many elderly, adults and children are facing the threat of hunger and homelessness, with little relief in sight.

The average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Quincy is \$2,815 per month, equating to over \$33,000 per

year. A single parent making minimum wage grosses less than this at \$31,200 per year. In order to spend 30 percent of income on housing, the household income would need to be over \$99,000 annually. This is simply out of reach for many households.

QCAP is seeing this reflected in those reaching out for help. The number of clients reaching out for help accessing food continues to rise. Over the last year more than 5,600 individuals were served by the pantry at QCAP's South West Community Center, with over half being new families who have never used a food pantry before. The income level of those reaching out for help at the food pantry is lower than ever previously seen, indicating the depths of the economic impacts on those in need. QCAP's Housing services are experiencing record numbers of people reaching out for Housing Search Assistance, and we are seeing many families at risk of eviction.

"We are seeing not only people with very low incomes coming in for help, but also those whose income puts them just over the emergency assistance eligibility criteria for housing. For those people there are extremely limited resources," said CEO Beth Ann Strollo.

In response to the growing need during and since the height of the pandemic, QCAP opened the expanded South West Community Center (SWCC) in Novem-

ber of 2022. The SWCC is home to a larger food pantry, SNAP application assistance, home heating help, and child and family engagement opportunities. In addition clients may be referred to other QCAP services such as financial coaching, and critical housing and child care assistance.

To support families during the holiday season, the SWCC distributes holiday gifts and meals in addition to the regular monthly food orders. QCAP provided over 650 full Thanksgiving dinners this year and expects to distribute an additional 650 holiday food orders, including hams, during December.

Suggested holiday donations include frozen turkeys and other holiday meal essentials, including cranberry jelly, turkey gravy, canned pie ingredients, and cooking oil and spices. Food donations to QCAP's food center help to fill gaps caused by an increased need over the last 18 months, and they help supply the pantry with items that are more difficult to find.

In addition to holiday meals, QCAP will also be providing gifts to nearly 1,000 children this holiday season. These children include those enrolled at the South West Community Center's Food & Nutrition Program and children who attend QCAP's Head Start early learning center.

The South West Community Center is accepting donations of food as well as

gifts for children 12 and under through December 20th. More information on the Holiday Food & Gift Drive can be found at qcac.org.

In addition, there is an ongoing need at the Center for donations of non-food items such as cleaning supplies, toilet paper, feminine products, soap, and toothpaste and toothbrushes.

"With the cost of food and housing on the rise, families are faced with difficult decisions about whether to pay their rent, their heating costs, or put food on their tables. A donation to QCAP helps us ensure that households get healthy, nutritious food and other critical wrap-around services," said Director of Development & Marketing, Anna DeBiasi.

The pantry at the Center is accessible to clients and donors five days a week. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays. Wednesdays it is open later – from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. – to accommodate working families. For more information on the services the food center provides or donations needed, please call 617-471-0796.

QCAP also provides heating assistance to residents in Quincy, Braintree, Milton, and Weymouth. Heating assistance can help significantly reduce monthly bills, even if heat is included in the rent. For more information on this, please call 617-657-5301 or visit

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Quincy Opens New Pickleball Courts

Mayor Thomas P. Koch announces the City of Quincy has opened its first dedicated pickleball courts. The three new courts are located in Merrymount Park, off Fenno Street adjacent to the existing tennis and basketball courts.

"The people have spoken and they want dedicated pickleball courts," Koch said. "I have heard from people of all ages and abilities that they want more recreational options in our parks. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Working through our Department of Natural Resources, we are proud to meet the growing demand for pickleball."

Quincy provides multi-lined courts at a variety of different park locations, but this spot will be the first one dedicated exclusively to pickleball. Construction on the courts started in September and wrapped up in early November. Eight more

courts are currently being constructed at Faxon Park and they will be open next spring.

"The great weather this fall has allowed residents the opportunity to play pickleball almost every day since the courts were finished," said Commissioner of Natural Resources Dave Murphy. "We knew there was a great demand from the feedback we received from the public and from the amount of people that sign up for the Recreation De-

partment's indoor pickleball program. This has been a great first step, but certainly not our last."

The funds for the Fenno Street pickleball courts were provided through the Community Preservation Committee and then the City Council. Community Preservation funds and City capital funds are being used for the Faxon Park pickleball complex.

"We are extremely proud of the investment we have made in our park system;

it is truly second to none," Koch said. "The progress at Pageant Field, Merrymount Park, LaBrecque Field, Kincaide Park, Faxon Park, and our new dog park just to name a few, is something we hear from residents on a regular basis.

"Our parks play an integral part of the quality of life in this city and we remain committed to the continued improvement of our public park system," the mayor added.

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Victoria & Connor Bertram
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Brandon Salimi & Reema Sameen
Angela Dinardo
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Rita M. Neill & John F. Neill
Virginia M. KellyLijun Wu & Zhihong Lin \$539,000
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Anne M. Dutton & Kathleen M. Sullivan
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Pilgrim Hill Holdings LLC
Specialized Property Group LLC
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\$490,000

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93 Dimmock Street
9-11 Taylor Street
12 Ricciuti Drive
91 Washington Street, Unit 19-19

58 South Street, Unit 305
55 Jackson Street
15 Fallon Court, Unit 15
188 Quincy Avenue, Unit A-4
71 Water Street
71 Water Street
10 Seaport Drive, Unit 2411
339 Quarry Street, Unit 4
9 Common Street, Unit 2
33-35 Silver Street
23 Cranch Street
133 Commander Shea Boulevard, Unit 208
35 Plain Street

88 Mears Avenue
22 Calumet Street
53 Arnold Street

Norfolk County's Top Real Estate Sales Of 2024's 3rd Quarter

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reports that during the third quarter of 2024, 10 properties – a mix of commercial and residential – sold for more than \$9,000,000, with an average price of \$24,620,888.

The following prices pertain to real estate sales from July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024.

The ten properties are:

10. A 6,081-square-foot, seven-bedroom, eight-bath-room mansion at **43 Heath Hill Street, Brookline**, sold for \$9,950,000 in July;

9. A series of 4-unit apartment buildings constructed in 1941 across nine separate lots on **Summit Avenue and Bishop Road in Quincy** sold for \$10,000,000 in September;

8. The Canton Ice House, a 58,000-square-foot ice skating arena located at **65 North St. in Canton**, sold for \$10,000,000 in August;

7. **63 Kendrick St., Needham**, a two-floor, 105,000-square-foot office building with a mix of conference rooms, cubical space, and private offices, sold in Au-

gust for \$13,500,000;

6. **25 Sears Rd., Brookline**, an 11,786-square-foot, six-bedroom, eight-bathroom mansion built on 3 acres of land, was sold in August for \$14,844,000;

5. The well-regarded wedding venue, The Lantana banquet hall, and popular Night Club Vincent's, both located near **43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph**, sold in August for \$20,714,881 as part of a multi-property deal;

4. **81 King St., Cohasset**, a 68,507-square-foot self-storage facility, sold in August for \$25,100,000;

3. **2 Kay Way, Stoughton**, a 118,200-square-foot manufacturing and warehouse facility build on 5.92 acres of land, sold in September for \$26,100,000;

2. A multibuilding manufacturing facility totaling more than 212,000 square feet of space located at **10 & 20 Dan Road, Canton**, sold in May for \$50,000,000;

1. **170-180 Main St., Walpole**, the 3-story, 161-unit Senior Living Community, known as New Pond Village, sold in August for \$66,000,000.

The top sales appear to have been a combination of private homes, apartment complexes, recreational, manufacturing, and office space. The state and Norfolk County collected excise taxes totaling more than \$1,122,700 from these 10 sales.

"The variety in these real estate transactions bodes well for the Norfolk County economy, with high-value properties selling in both commercial and residential sectors," said Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell. "This also indicates that Norfolk County is not only a desirable place to both live and work but is also a magnet for business, industry, and trade."

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, "like" us on Facebook at facebook.com/norfolkdeeds. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram at @norfolkdeeds.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information.

All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org.

Residents in need of assistance can call the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center at (781) 461-6101 or email registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

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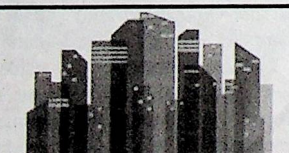
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Rental assistance is also available through QCAP's housing program. QCAP has helped families avoid eviction through rental assistance funding and advocacy. For more information on eligibility, please call 617-657-5376 or visit qcap.org.

"We would not be able to do the work we do during these challenging times without the support of a caring community, we are grateful for the ongoing support of our community, volunteers, and donors," Strollo said.

For more information on how to support the Holiday Food & Gift Drive, please contact QCAP's Director of Development & Marketing, Anna DeBiasi at adebiasi@qcap.org.

The Salvation Army

For 135 years, The Salvation Army of Quincy has provided Christmas assistance to families, providing them with toys, gifts, clothing, and food, said Capt. Adam Boynton. With more people in need, they are asking for your help.

There are several ways you can make change happen, Boynton said.

The Salvation Army's biggest fundraiser of the year is the Red Kettle Campaign. Last year, we were so blessed to be able to raise over our goal of \$100,000. This year, we are setting the goal at \$110,000 in the Red Kettle. Bells will be ringing from Nov. 16 to Dec. 24. Money collected from the Red Kettle Campaign supports The Salvation Army year-round.

"We are seeing need in-

crease each year, usage of our pantry increase, and the calls for financial assistance go up. To meet that need, we need to be raise more funds," Boynton said.

"Please consider donating as you pass a Red Kettle located at a Walmart, Star Market, Shaw's, Hobby Lobby, South Shore Plaza, and Stop & Shop. Think about it, if even half of the residents of Quincy gave \$5, we would crush our goal!"

The Salvation Army also needs individuals, families, businesses, or service groups who can sponsor children to purchase clothing and toy items for its clients. Children's names, ages, gender, clothing sizes, and toy wishes are placed on an angel tag, which is given to the sponsor. You would shop for the child and then return the gifts to The Salva-

tion Army, located on Baxter Street.

To sponsor a child and obtain angel tags, you can contact the Salvation Army office at 617-472-2345.

"We are proud to be in a community that shows such care for its neighbors and incredible support of our work," Boynton said. "We look to you again with anticipation and know that with your help, we can rise to meet the needs of our neighbors."

Interfaith Social Services

Interfaith Social Services provides food, hygiene products, mental health counseling and homelessness prevention services to thousands of Quincy and South Shore households every month. Interfaith also provided holiday meals to 1,600 households this Thanksgiving and will dis-

tribute 4,000 gifts to children this holiday season.

"We are serving double the number of families as we were during the height of the pandemic," said Executive Director Rick Doane. "The need for emergency food is a symptom of the lack of affordable housing in our region as well as the impact of inflation on families struggling to make ends meet."

Interfaith operates one of the largest emergency food programs in Greater Boston. Each year its food pantry distributes more than 100,000 bags of groceries and hygiene supplies to clients in Quincy and across the South Shore. In addition, Interfaith operates a mental health counseling center, homelessness prevention program and the Bureau Drawer Thrift Shop.

Interfaith is always in need of monetary donations to support its emergency food program, said Doane. Interfaith places a priority on providing clients with healthy, fresh foods and funds are always needed to supplement rescued food and donated nonperishables with fresh produce, meat, eggs and dairy.

Interfaith believes that hygiene is a necessity, not a luxury. The organization asks that donors collect full-sized personal care items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and deodorant. Interfaith is also always in need of period products like pads and tampons, diapers (especially larger sizes), and incontinence products. There are no federal assistance programs to cover any of these

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necessities.

Donations can be dropped off at Interfaith's building at 105 Adams St. in Quincy Center from 12-3 p.m. Monday through Friday and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Items can also be purchased through Amazon and shipped directly to Interfaith's offices.

Interfaith relies on volunteers year-round. Doane said the organization is always looking for residents who can make a commitment to volunteer for three hours each week for at least several months.

"Interfaith Social Services was founded in 1947," said Doane. "For more than 75 years, countless Quincy residents have been served by our programs and it is only possible because of the culture of neighbors helping neighbors that exists in our community. We are incredibly grateful to the city of Quincy and its residents that make our work possible."

For more information, visit interfaithsocialservices.org or call 617-773-6203.

DOVE

The annual Holiday Assistance Program at DOVE (Domestic Violence Ended) in Quincy is underway. Please join the organization in supporting families impacted by domestic violence and poverty by adopting a family, hosting a donation drive, donating shelter items, or donating gift cards. Learn more and sign-up by visiting www.dovema.org

to support a family and their kids through the holidays and beyond.

To ensure that each of DOVE's more than 150 families receive their gifts before the holidays, donors should schedule a drop off time no later than December 9. For questions, email dove.elfteam@gmail.com.

Quincy Animal Shelter

Those looking to help out our four-legged friends can do so this holiday season by supporting the Quincy Animal Shelter.

Sandra Sines, president of the Quincy Animal Shelter's board of directors, said there are several items the shelter is most in need of this year. They include gift cards to any grocery store or pet store, paper towels, trash bags, Purina Pro Plan dry and canned food for dogs and puppies, Purina Plan dry food for Cats and Kittens, Fancy Feast Cat food for cats and Kittens all varieties. Unscented cat litter.

Please check out our full wish list on quincyanimalshelter.org or call 617-376-1349 for more information.

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

Many individuals and families in Norfolk County are finding it increasingly challenging to afford basic necessities like food, particularly during the holiday season when the pressure to provide for loved ones intensifies. Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell is asking people to take a moment to con-

tribute to the Annual Registry of Deeds Food Drive through Thursday, Dec. 19.

"There is no doubt that Norfolk County is a desirable place to live and to work. However, there are people throughout the county who are facing difficult situations. This year, we, as a community, have seen a rising demand for food assistance, and it is crucial that we come together to support those in need. By participating in the Annual Registry of Deeds Food Drive, we can make a significant impact this holiday season," O'Donnell said.

Today, according to the latest Project Bread statistics, 17.9 percent of all households in Massachusetts are considered food insecure. Furthermore, 22.9 percent of households with children in the state are also considered food insecure. The increasing cost of housing and food are likely factors that contribute to the rising rates of food insecurity.

"As the holidays approach, there is definitely a need for more food assistance," O'Donnell said. "Household expenses are higher due to the cost of home heating fuel, and increased food costs. These increased costs disproportionately impact some Norfolk County families, causing them to worry about meeting their food needs during the holiday season. So, let us be mindful during this Thanksgiving season that others may need our

help."

Non-perishable food items can be brought directly to the Registry of Deeds, which is located at 649 High Street in Dedham. A donation bin will be set-up in the Registry's lobby and food can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Suggested donations include canned goods, breakfast cereals, pasta, sauces, toiletries, and paper products.

If you cannot get to the Registry of Deeds building to drop off food, you can check the Registry website at norfolkdeeds.org for a pantry location in your community.

"Working together, we can truly make a huge difference this holiday season," said O'Donnell. "By supporting each other and being mindful of those in need we can help those struggling with food insecurity, because no one should go hungry, especially during this time of year. I ask that we all embrace the true meaning of Thanksgiving by showing compassion and generosity towards all."

In addition, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds is collecting toys as part of the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

Donations of new toys and games can be brought directly to the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds building in Dedham between now and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10. A marked donation bin for toys is available in the lobby, which is open

during business hours.

This year marks the 77th anniversary of Toys for Tots. The program was established in 1947 when the wife of a Marine major wanted to donate a Raggedy Ann doll for Christmas but couldn't find an organization to accept it. Since then, the national program has delivered over 677 million toys.

"Every holiday season, the Registry witnesses firsthand the many acts of kindness and Christmas spirit as numerous people drop off gifts for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drive," O'Donnell said. "It's truly wonderful to see so many people dropping off gifts, from Registry employees to title examiners to attorneys and members of the general public, because no family should have to struggle to enjoy their holiday season."

Since 2007, the Registry of Deeds has collected over 1,700 toy donations for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

Toys for Tots program.

Rock Can Roll Food Drive Party

The seventh annual Rock Can Roll Food Drive Party will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Sons of Italy, 120 Quarry St., benefiting the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. Doors open at 6 p.m. and music starts at 7 p.m.

Performing at the event will be Whammer Jammer and Panorama, tribute bands to legendary Boston acts J. Geils Band and the Cars. It will include a full cash bar and Wahlburgers food truck will be on site.

Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable, unexpired food items to support the food pantry. The event will also include a 50/50 raffle to benefit the non-profit Rawkstars.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For tickets and more information, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-7th-annual-rock-can-roll-food-drive-party-tickets-1028968491457>.

Election Update: Harris Swept All 31 Precincts Here

By SCOTT JACKSON

Vice President Kamala Harris carried every precinct in Quincy in the recent presidential election.

Harris, the Democratic nominee, polled 25,358 votes in the city in the Nov. 5 election, according to updated unofficial results released by the City Clerk's Office on Nov. 18. Her Republican opponent, Donald Trump, the nation's 45th president, collected 15,133 votes in Quincy.

Also receiving votes were Independent candidate Shiva Ayyadurai (212 votes), Socialism and Liberation candidate Claudia de la Cruz (179), Libertarian candidate Chase Oliver (193) and Green-Rainbow candidate Jill Stein (371). There were 302 write-in votes and 490 blanks.

Harris was the top vote getter in each of Quincy's

31 precincts. Trump came closest to Harris in a pair of Ward 1 precincts. The vote was 1,047 to 903 in Harris' favor in Precinct 4 (Adams Shore) and 1,050 to 935 in her favor in Precinct 5 (Houghs Neck).

Harris was victorious in Massachusetts, claiming its 11 electoral votes. Trump won the electoral vote, 312-226, having prevailed in the swing states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. As of Nov. 19, he was also up in the popular vote with 76.55 million votes to Harris' 73.94 million.

In the race for US Senate, incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren outpolled her opponent, Republican John Deaton, 24,685 to 16,045, in Quincy en route to a third term.

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November 2024 Director's Report Sara Slymon, Thomas Crane Public Library

By SARA SLYMON
Director, Thomas Crane Public Library
Facilities & Technology

A full official survey of the envelope needs for the HH Richardson and Aiken buildings at the Main Library has begun. We anticipate the building needing a new roof, new windows, and re-pointing. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places, and as such, all work will comply with their requirements.

Inside of Richardson, we are working hard to restore all of the original furnishings to the building. Over the years they have been scattered throughout the Main Library, landing in offices and closets. We are hoping to have the original chairs restored so they can be used again.

We are also planning to do seasonal decorations in Richardson. These should go up before Thanksgiving.

We have had a troubling uptick in vandalism at the Main Library, which we are answering with more patrolling of the grounds. We have also done some interventions to make things harder to vandalize.

The contractor who was hired to complete the parklet was supposed to start November 4, more to come!

We are on track to begin replacing our network infrastructure in January, 2025. Much of our hardware is significantly out of date, unsupported, and inconsistently branded and, consequently, internally incompatible.

Programs & Services

We are thrilled to announce that our first ever embedded social worker has begun working at the library. The position is funded by the City of Quincy, and in partnership with Manet Community Health Centers. Carol has a wealth of community experience, including in substance use disor-

ders, serving unhoused folks, and harm reduction. She has already seen a lot of clients, and we are excited to see where the program goes. Carol is in an office on the second floor of the Main Library, and is in office 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The North Quincy Branch has had all of its collections weeded and refreshed. There were many out of date, damaged, and redundant items on shelf. Furthermore, the shelves were packed so tightly with items that it was difficult to shelve or remove items from the shelves. This led to a large amount of items being marked missing that weren't actually missing and created other problems that directly impacted our patrons.

A similar project was undertaken at the Adams Shore location 2 years ago and resulted in an increase in circulation.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Quincy 400 in 2025, which is right around the corner. We have begun program planning in earnest and are looking forward to providing a calendar of events by the end of the year.

The Friends will start offering a Book Sale at the North Quincy Library! We are very excited to expand the very successful Bookstore, and hope it generates revenue to be used towards library programming.

Other

Boostore revenue is projected to exceed any previous years.

The Archives & Special Collections Department recently unearthed proof that Stanford White, of McKim, Mead, and White, was one of the designers of Richardson. This had long been rumored, but they found documentation confirming it..

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Warren carried 30 of the 31 precincts in Quincy. Deaton won Ward 1, Precinct 5, 1,032 to 955. Polling was also close in Ward 1, Precinct 4, which Warren won 1,007 to 956 and in Ward 6, Precinct 5 (Squantum), which Warren won 1,054 to 1,039.

US Rep. Stephen Lynch polled 29,145 votes in Quincy while his Republican opponent, Robert Burke, finished with 10,668 votes. Lynch, who was reelected to his 13th term, carried all 31 precincts.

The other competitive race in Quincy was for the state representative seat in the Second Norfolk District. Incumbent Democrat Tackey Chan prevailed over his Republican opponent, Sharon Marie Cintolo, 12,828 to 5,632. Chan carried every precinct in the district, which is located entirely within Quincy, en route to his eighth term.

The other members of Quincy's state delegation — Sen. John Keenan, Rep. Bruce Ayers, and Rep. Ronald Mariano, all Democrats — were unopposed. Keenan polled 32,519 votes in Quincy, Ayers 11,590, and Mariano 5,675. Keenan was reelected to his eighth term, Ayers his 14th term and Mariano his 18th term.

Also unopposed were incumbent governor's councillor Christopher Iannella Jr., incumbent Norfolk County register of deeds William O'Donnell, incumbent county commissioners Joseph Shea and Richard Staiti, county clerk of courts candidate Walter Timilty, all of whom are Democrats. Iannella polled 31,622 votes in Quincy, O'Donnell 31,786, Shea 30,208, Staiti 13,272, and Timilty 32,201.

Massachusetts voters were also asked to weigh in on five ballot questions. Quincy voters joined their peers statewide in approving Questions 1, 2 and 3 and rejecting Questions 4 and 5.

Quincy voters backed Question 1, which authorizes the state auditor to audit the state legislature, 28,925 to 10,534. Voters in the city backed Question 2, which

removes the MCAS test as a graduation requirement but does not abolish the test itself, 23,244 to 17,496. Quincy voters supported Question 3, which authorizes drivers of ride-hailing services like Lyft and Uber to unionize, 22,047 to 17,010.

The no vote on Question 4, which would have legalized certain psychedelic drugs, won in Quincy, 21,638 to 18,799. The no vote on Question 5, which would have increased the minimum wage for tipped workers, prevailed in Quincy, 25,476 to 14,264.

The overall turnout in the election in Quincy was 62.98 percent, with 42,238 of the city's 67,159 registered voters casting ballots; that figure includes mail-in ballots received through the end of the day on Nov. 8, provided they were postmarked by the day of the election.

Ward 1 had the highest turnout at 67.25 percent, with 7,774 out of 11,560 voters casting ballots. Ward 6, where 7,478 of the 11,521 registered voters voted (64.91 percent), was second highest. Next was Ward 5 (6,950 of 11,027 or 63.03 percent), followed by Ward 3 (7,162 of 11,510 or 62.22 percent), Ward 4 (7,210 of 11,865 or 60.77 percent) and Ward 2 (5,649 of 9,676 or 58.84 percent).

Ward 6, Precinct 5, had the highest turnout at 78.65 percent; 2,159 out of 2,745 registered voters there cast ballots. That was followed closely by Ward 1, Precinct 4, where 2,020 of 2,594 registered voters voted (77.87 percent) and Ward 1, Precinct 5, where 2,057 of 2,685 (76.61 percent) registered voters did so.

Rounding out the top five precincts were Ward 5, Precinct 5, which includes parts of Wollaston and Norfolk Downs; turnout there was 70.92 percent, with 1,595 of the 2,249 registered voters casting ballots. In Ward 2, Precinct 5, which includes parts of Penn's Hill and Quincy Center, turnout was 69.43 percent, with 1,324 of 1,907 registered voters casting ballots.



PLANNING BOARD has approved The Grossman Companies' proposed mixed-use development on Granite Street in Quincy Center that would include 256 residential units and 54,000 square feet of commercial space. The project requires approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals as well. This is a view of the proposed seven-story residential building that would be constructed along Hannon Parkway.
Rendering Courtesy The Grossman Companies

PB OKs Granite St. Development

By SCOTT JACKSON

The Planning Board this past week approved a mixed-use development on Granite Street in Quincy Center that would include 256 residential units and 54,000 square feet of retail and office space.

The development proposed by The Grossman Companies for the site at 56-74 and 126 Granite St. was approved in a unanimous vote on Nov. 20. The project still requires approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The site on Granite Street is presently home to a shopping center that includes retailers like TJ Maxx, Dollar Tree, Papa Gino's and Burger King. Those two parcels, which include roughly 5.2 acres of land, are presently home to 65,100 square feet of gross commercial space and 214 surface parking spaces. They are located within the Quincy Center-15 zoning district.

The developer first unveiled plans for the site during a pre-filing presentation to the Planning Board in June. Revised plans were presented in October, which reduced the amount of commercial space on site from 65,000 to 54,000 square feet. The firm's director of development, Avi Shoss, said the 11,000-square-foot reduction in commercial space was due to parking.

The development would include a total of 517 parking spaces, 336 covered and structured parking spaces and 181 surface spaces. The initial project included a total of 497 parking spaces.

The project has two distinct components, Shoss said: a seven-story residential building along Hannon Parkway on the south side of the site and a single-story retail building along Burgin Parkway, roughly where Dollar Tree and TJ Maxx are now located. A detached

retail space, with a drive-through, would be located in the vicinity of where Burger King is presently located.

Shoss in October said it would be too soon to say who the retail tenants of the new development would be.

"It's still too early to say at this point who it will ultimately be, but we plan to ultimately improve our tenant mix across the board and seek out best-in-market brands and vendors that will improve the shopping, entertainment and culinary options for the downtown and offer great amenity to our residential users," he said.

The Planning Board approved the project subject to 20 special conditions. Among other conditions, the applicant must comply with Quincy's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance, will be required to demonstrate compliance with the city's public art and placemaking program, will have to reconstruct the sidewalk along the entire site, and will need to

pay \$26,000 to fund a road safety audit to determine what additional future roadway improvements are feasible to reduce crashes on Burgin Parkway.

In other business on Nov. 20, the Planning Board approved revised plans for 101 General McConville Way, also in Quincy Center. The 2.8-acre site includes the former home of IHOP, which was demolished earlier this fall, as well as a discontinued part of the Parkway and portions of the former Ross Lot.

The board in February had approved a mixed-use development with 301 residential units, 20,000 square feet of retail space, including a specialty grocer, and 995 parking spaces on site. The revised plan reduces the number of residential units by four to 297 and increases the height of the garage from eight to ten stories while keeping the other components, including the specialty grocer, the same.

Developer DJ MacKinnon said the project was revised so that the residential component would now completely envelope the garage on three sides — Walter Hannon Parkway, General McConville Way and General Dunford Drive. The original plan left a portion of the garage on the General Dunford Drive side exposed. The side of the garage adjacent to the MBTA tracks will remain exposed.

To keep the same number of parking spaces on site, MacKinnon said the garage would now have to be built two stories taller. The garage will include 800 spaces with the remaining 195 on the surface level under the garage; those 195 spaces are for the retail components. The city will own the garage once it is constructed and the developer will initially lease 297 parking spaces, one per unit, for tenants living in the new apartments.

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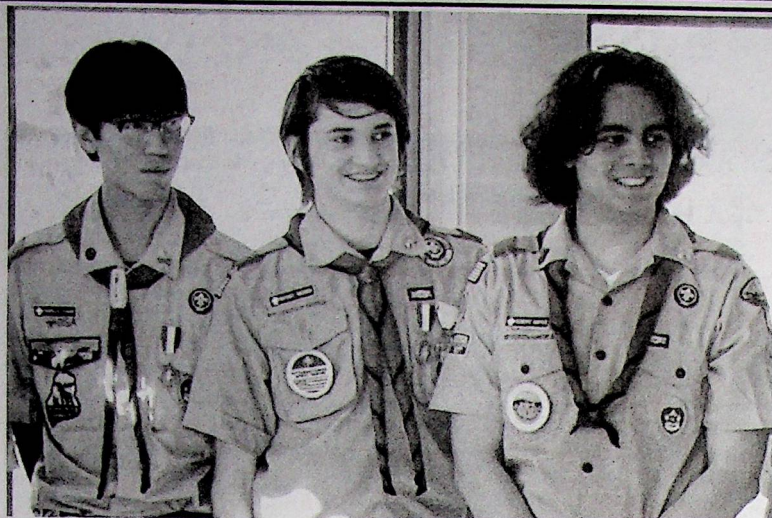
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NEW EAGLE SCOUTS Marcus Pham, Michael Miranda and Robert Mbrice invite the community to their Court of Honor ceremony at East Congregational Church at 610 Adams St., Milton on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m. *Courtesy Photo*

Eagle Scouts Invite Community To Court Of Honor Ceremony Dec. 15

Hello all,

This past summer, Michael Miranda, Robert Mbrice and Marcus Pham completed the necessary requirements to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Some of the things we had to do include earning 21 merit badges, spending 2 and a half years in a leadership position as well as planning and executing an Eagle Scout project.

For Michael's project, he renovated a reflection garden at Bernazzani Elementary School on Furnace Brook Parkway. A new masonry walking path and bench were installed with the surrounding garden being improved upon.

For Robert's project he renovated Freedom Park on Dimmock Street. In this project he cleaned up the walking path throughout the park adding identification tags to the local trees in addition to a bench and a trash can, planted a tree and spread 13 yards of bark mulch.

For Marcus' project he renovated the Paul Vincent Grasso Park on Columbia Street. Adding a peace pole, trash can, a new tree and flower beds, and mulch to existing gardens.

We are so thankful for all the support we have received from the community. In order to express our gratitude we will be having an

Eagle Scout Court of Honor where we will be presented with medals for our accomplishments and the troop as well as the community will be recognized as well. We extend an invitation to all in the community for the ceremony. This Court of Honor will be held at East Congregational Church at 610 Adams St., Milton on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Once again we thank you for your continued support of Scouting in Quincy and we hope to see all of you at this event.

Yours in Scouting,

Michael Miranda
Robert Mbrice
Marcus Pham

Economic Development Bill Passes MA Legislature

The Massachusetts Legislature passed, and the governor has signed into law, a sweeping economic development bill authorizing a nearly \$4 billion infusion into the Commonwealth's economy while making wide-ranging policy changes to make Massachusetts more competitive.

The bold investments in H.5100, An Act relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership, will stimulate new and proven industries, support workforce development and talent retention, and modernize economic growth strategies. Provisions of the bill will support small businesses, communities, and cultural development, ensuring that businesses Main Streets across the Commonwealth benefit from the economic boost.

"Through billions of dollars in critical investments and tax credits, this economic development bill provides support for small businesses, and for larger companies at the forefront of innovation in the clean energy and the life sciences sectors. Ultimately, this legislation will help to ensure that the Commonwealth remains a hub for the industries of the future, while also enhancing support for workers across Massachusetts," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quin-

cy). "I want to thank Governor Healey for filing the bill originally, as well as Chairman Michlewitz and the conferees for the work that they did to guide it through the legislative process. Finally, I'm grateful to each of my colleagues in the House, as well as our partners in the Senate, for voting to send these vital investments to the Governor's desk for her signature."

"This legislation responds to input received from constituents, and will result in positive, tangible benefits for our community," said Sen. John F. Keenan (D-Quincy). "Collectively, we are prioritizing local economic development projects, historic preservation, and the revitalization of Quincy's waterways for expanded future uses. These benefits are enhanced by the significant funding this legislation spreads across the Commonwealth for clean energy, education, and small business support programs, all of which benefit the City of Quincy."

"The funding and policy changes in this Economic Development bill include significant investments in critical sectors across the Commonwealth, including green energy research, healthcare, workforce development, early education initiatives, support for small and growing businesses,

and much more," said Rep. Bruce J. Ayers (D-Quincy). "I am pleased at the inclusion of millions of dollars in funding for capital projects in the City of Quincy, such as much needed dredging in Quincy Bay."

"I am grateful to the Conferees and to my colleagues for supporting in particular home improvement contractors reform and several important updates to our alcohol laws, both Consumer Protection Committee priorities this legislative session," said Rep. Tackey Chan (D-Quincy), who also serves as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. "I'm especially proud of the Quincy delegation for their work to secure funding for dredging the Quincy Bay, a long-term priority for our community."

Bond Authorizations

The legislation includes a total of \$3.96 billion in capital authorizations for leading Massachusetts industries including life sciences and climatetech.

Quincy investments. The Quincy delegation secured funding for several capital projects in the city including:

- \$2,000,000 for the Adams Presidential Center and Foundation, Inc.
- \$2,000,000 for dredg-

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Massachusetts Legislature Passes Climate Bill

The Massachusetts Legislature has passed sweeping climate legislation to empower the state's fight against climate change and accelerate progress towards the state's goals of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

S.2967, An Act Promoting a Clean Energy Grid, Advancing Equity, and Protecting Ratepayers, reforms the siting and permitting of clean energy facilities, while responsibly reforming the gas distribution system. It vastly expands the electric vehicle (EV) charging network, incentivizes innovative technologies such

as battery storage, fusion energy, advanced metering and meter socket adapters, includes measures to protect residents from high energy costs, and equips state agencies with the mandate to fight climate change.

"This legislation represents the Legislature's continued commitment to meeting Massachusetts' long-term emission reduction targets, as it builds on the work that is being done to modernize the Commonwealth's energy grid, increase clean energy generation, and to combat the climate crisis," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano

(D-Quincy). "The reforms related to siting and permitting of clean energy infrastructure will be critical in the process of transitioning the Commonwealth's energy grid away from fossil fuels over time. I want to thank Chairman Roy and all the conferees, as well as our colleagues in the Senate, for their hard work."

"This bill is reflective of the Commonwealth's continued leadership on addressing climate change," said Rep. Tackey Chan (D-Quincy). "In addition to siting and permitting reforms that will allow for the swift expansion of clean energy infrastructure, it also contains measures to make electric vehicle chargers more widely accessible and bolster the offshore wind industry – all crucial to reducing emissions and meeting our climate goals."

"This climate legislation is a major step for Massachusetts as a leader on clean energy," said Rep. Bruce J. Ayers (D-Quincy). "By streamlining permitting processes and focusing on revitalizing existing infrastructure, the provisions

in this legislation will both reduce the long-term costs of energy consumption for consumers, while helping the Commonwealth achieve our carbon emission reduction goals."

Together, the policies transform the future of energy generation, distribution, and consumption in Massachusetts. Major components of the legislation include:

Expediting siting and permitting. The bill consolidates reviews of clean energy siting and permitting, which will speed the pace of planning, constructing, and bringing clean energy infrastructure online to support clean energy technologies such as solar, wind, and storage to create an electrified future and reduce emissions.

Large projects that require state, regional, and local permits will be consolidated into a single permit that requires action within 15 months. Small projects with multiple local permits will also be consolidated into a single permit and require action within 12 months. Each process is modeled on the work of a

commission established by the Healey-Driscoll Administration that received extensive feedback from a diverse group of stakeholders.

Expedited permitting is paired with enhanced community review via new offices created by the bill, including the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity, the Office of Public Participation at the Energy Facilities Siting Board, and the Division of Siting and Permitting at the Department of Energy Resources. Each office will be charged with engaging with and providing resources to communities and applicants to ensure a thorough, equitable and community-centered review.

To help protect residents from bearing the cost of building new infrastructure, when possible, the state will require the Energy Facilities Siting Board to first consider maximizing the efficiency of current infrastructure through the use of innovative technologies such as advanced transmission technologies or grid-enhancing technologies before approving new construction.

An online clean energy infrastructure dashboard will also be created to promote transparency and public accountability in real time.

Protecting residents from high costs. By pairing lower rates for low- and middle-income consumers with cost-saving infrastructure changes, the legislation protects Massachusetts residents from paying more for electricity.

The bill incentivizes gas companies to pursue the expansion of climate- and cost-friendly networked heat pump systems and geothermal heating, modeled on successful pilots already underway in Framingham and Lowell. It does this by directing the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to consider greenhouse gas impacts when it weighs a petition by a gas company to expand its territory, reigning in a mandate that historically offered preferential treatment to natural gas infrastructure over other methods of heating. The legislation also saves residents money by considering climate-friendly alternatives

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Christmas Parade Sunday Live On QATV

Quincy Access Television (QATV) announces the 2024 Quincy Christmas Parade will be shown live at 12:30 p.m. on QATV-8, QATV-HD 1072 and online at www.QATV.org on Sunday, Dec. 1st.

QATV's Joe Catalano and QATV member/volunteer Krystyne Cheever will anchor coverage of the 71st annual parade.

Replays of the Christmas parade will be shown during week on QATV-8 and QATV-HD 1072. The parade will also be posted to QATV.org for viewing on demand.

For more information about QATV's Christmas Parade coverage, visit www.QATV.org or call 617-376-1440 ext. 224.

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ing the channel in Quincy Bay and beach restoration in the Merrymount neighborhood

- \$1,215,500 in additional funding for all predredging activities including mobilization and demobilizing of dredging equipment, site preparation, and removal and reinstallation of floating docks and piles

- \$1,784,500 for economic development projects in the City of Quincy

Climate tech investments. The bill provides \$400 million in capital resources to the MassCEC (Massachusetts Clean Energy Center) to utilize over the next ten years, with \$200 million authorized to support innovation and deployment of climate tech technologies and \$200 million to support the offshore wind industry.

It also establishes a new tax credit to invest in climate tech companies. A new program housed at MassCEC will develop and expand employment opportunities in climate tech and promote climate tech-related economic development by supporting and stimulating research, development, in-

novation, manufacturing, deployment and commercialization in the climate tech sector. The credit will be subject to a \$30 million annual cap.

Life sciences. This legislation authorizes \$500 million over ten years for the Life Sciences Breakthrough Fund to reauthorize the Commonwealth's life sciences initiative.

Known as Life Sciences 3.0, the reauthorization adds health equity, biosecurity, digital health, and artificial intelligence to the mission of the Life Sciences Center. The bill increases the annual tax credit authorization for the life sciences industry from \$30 million to \$40 million.

Additional authorizations include:

- \$400 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to support public infrastructure projects and create jobs;

- \$150 million for library construction projects;

- \$103 million for artificial intelligence in systems across the state;

- \$21 million for resilience in agriculture and fishing; and

- \$40 million for food

science innovations, including \$10 million to support the state's nascent alternative protein industry.

Policy Changes

Numerous policy changes in the legislation targeted at growing the Massachusetts economy include:

Support for small businesses. The bill restructures two quasi-state agencies that are designed to be the gateway for access to state resources, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) and Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment).

The legislation also authorizes a five-year pilot program for the Commonwealth to assist small businesses in acquiring surety bonds. Large capital projects, whether public or private, often require retention of a surety bond by the contractor as financial security. Historically, economically and socially disadvantaged businesses often cannot acquire these bonds because of a lack of credit history or collateral. This program creates a self-sustaining state assistance program to open doors for more of these businesses.

Educator diversity. It allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to develop an alternative certification process for teachers who may face challenges passing the educator certification exam but can otherwise demonstrate their competence as teachers. The change will help Massachusetts diversify the K-12 educator workforce.

Live theater tax credit. It launches a new tax credit of up to \$7 million annually to support local live theater productions. The credit will help Massachusetts artists working towards Broadway or off-Broadway launch a national tour.

Craft beer at farmers markets. The legislation updates the law to allow for locally produced craft beer to be sold at farmers markets, like wine and cider currently.

Ticketing transparency. It requires ticket sellers to clearly disclose the actual ticket price when listing tickets online and bans automated ticket purchasing software, otherwise known as bots. Bots drive up prices in the secondary market by creating artificial scarcity

when fans try to purchase tickets from the artist or venue.

Strengthening local and regional public health systems. It overhauls the state's fragmented public health system to ensure strong public health protections for all residents regardless of race, income, or zip code.

Pathway for foreign-trained physicians. It creates a pathway in Massachusetts for physicians previously authorized to practice medicine outside the United States to practice in an underserved region of the Commonwealth.

Nurse licensure compact. It includes a provision to admit Massachusetts in the national nurse licensure compact, which will help alleviate the critical workforce challenges facing the health care sector.

Civil service reforms. This legislation modernizes Massachusetts civil service laws to give communities more options in filling vacancies while giving qualified job seekers more opportunities to find a match.

Data centers tax credit. It creates a new tax credit to attract investment in qualified data centers.

Childcare as campaign expense. It removes current limitations on political candidates using campaign funds for childcare services that occur because of campaign activities.

FAFSA. The bill requires each school district to notify students prior to graduating from high school of the availability of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and to provide students with information on financial aid options.

Liquor license equity. It removes an archaic requirement that a restaurant liquor license holder be a United States citizen, thereby creating a pathway for other qualified immigrants.

Project labor agreements. It authorizes public agencies and municipalities to enter into project labor agreements for public works contracts when such an agreement is in the best interest of the public agency or municipality.

Sustainability for farmers. Finally, the bill allows farmers to diversify how they use their farms, including using land for agritourism and selling goods made from produce they have grown themselves.

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to leak-prone pipes instead of automatically replacing them with new natural gas pipes.

To ensure gas workers are protected as reforms to gas distribution system are undertaken, the bill establishes a special legislative commission to study the impacts of the energy transition and decarbonization on the current fossil fuel workforce. The bill further directs utility providers to offer lower rates to eligible low-income and moderate-income utility consumers.

Building out electric vehicle infrastructure. Expanding electric vehicle (EV) use and making it easier to charge a vehicle is crucial to reducing emissions, so this legislation expands the availability of charging stations. Along with making pole-mounted charger installation easier on streets and in parking lots, the bill centralizes statewide coordination of charger installation via the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinating Council (EVICC). The EVICC will also be responsible for identifying sites for a statewide network of fast charging hubs along Massachusetts highways and major roadways, as well as forecasting EV charging demand and determining its

impact on the electric distribution grid over the next 10 years. It further removes EV charger installation restrictions for residents who own parcels within condominiums, homeowner associations, and historic districts, and authorizes condo boards to install EV chargers on community parcels.

The legislation extends the MOR-EV program through 2027, giving residents more opportunities to qualify for a \$3,500 to \$6,000 rebate for the purchase of qualifying new or used electric vehicles. It also makes it easier for cities and towns to procure electric school vehicles—including electric school buses—and EV charging equipment for municipalities. The bill also seeks to dispel misinformation about electric vehicle and electric battery storage safety risks by requiring state guidance on the public health, safety, and environmental impacts of these technologies.

Fusion Energy and Battery Storage. The legislation makes Massachusetts the first state in the nation to add fusion energy to the list of Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) Class 1 renewable energy generating sources, positioning the Commonwealth to be in a strategically beneficial position as fusion energy

becomes commercially viable. Additionally, it sets a 5,000 MW energy storage procurement to back up intermittent clean energy resources such as solar and wind. It also authorizes DOER to coordinate with other New England states to consider competitive solicitations for long-term clean energy generation, including existing nuclear generation, for the benefit of the Commonwealth and the region.

Offshore Wind. To support the growing offshore wind industry that will provide clean power and new jobs, the legislation allows future offshore wind contracts to be set for terms of 15 to 30 years instead of the previous 20 year maximum. It also directs the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to review the effectiveness of existing solicitations in contributing to state emissions requirements and to ensuring high labor standards in clean energy, including offshore wind, clean energy generation, and storage procurements.

It further requires DOER, in consultation with DPU and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), to issue guidance on long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) between offshore wind developers

and municipalities, including approved aggregation plans. The bill also expands existing tax credits for offshore wind facility employers, who now only need 50 full-time employees to be eligible for tax credits and refundable credits for capital investment.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure. As demand on the electrical grid increases with the adoption of electric vehicles and heat pumps, advanced metering infrastructure (AMI)—including smart meters, communications networks and data management systems—will enable efficient grid management and improved resiliency.

This legislation supports the rollout of these crucial technologies by requiring the utilities deploying them to create a centralized data repository to provide access to detailed AMI customer data, subject to customer approval. It also authorizes DPU to provide cost recovery for necessary expenses incurred by utilities in AMI implementation. It further maintains consumer protections by establishing an opt-out option for electric customers.

These changes will help companies and individuals use their devices more efficiently and provide

real-time data to the grid, allowing for greater flexibility. The legislation also allows customers to install EV chargers or heat pumps without triggering the need for expensive electrical upgrades by authorizing the installation of meter socket adapters to effectively manage increased load.

Solar Energy. This bill establishes new policies to facilitate the deployment of solar energy through updates to historic district laws, providing policy recommendations through a solar canopy working group, and requiring DPU to explore expanding access to net crediting. It also expands affordability and access for low-income customers in the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program and authorizes the transfer of SMART solar credits to customers in any electric utility territory.

Decarbonizing buildings. Because buildings across the state continue to be a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, this legislation advances efforts to decarbonize them. It authorizes condo association boards to install energy efficiency devices and EV chargers in common areas and increases the efficiency of heat pumps by allowing installers to use the most up-

to-date refrigerants.

Supporting lean technology and innovation. To ensure that the next generation of technology is built in Massachusetts, the legislation will expand support to the state's innovators. The legislation does this by expanding the purview of MassCEC to include carbon removal, embodied carbon reduction, and nuclear power. MassCEC is also directed to promote carbon removal and embodied carbon activities, and study opportunities for future carbon removal.

Leading by example. The legislation directs the state to analyze its own climate impacts and how state infrastructure can be more climate friendly. It directs the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) to evaluate the climate impacts of state buildings and seek options for emissions reductions, and directs Massport to prioritize reducing emissions while pursuing commerce and growth. It also expands the mission of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to include reducing emissions and embodied carbon.

Having passed both chambers of the Legislature, the measure has been sent to the Governor's desk for her signature.

New Independence Ave. Proposal Before Planning Board

By SCOTT JACKSON

New plans for a four-story, nine-unit condominium building on Independence Avenue got a mixed response during a recent public hearing.

Marina Bay Management, led by Peter O'Connell, is seeking to construct the building at 10 Independence Ave. Located at the corner of Franklin Street, the site contains 10,973 square feet of land and is currently home to Quincy Auto Tech.

The Planning Board held a nearly two-hour long public hearing on the proposal during its meeting on Nov. 20. The board will take up the matter again on Dec. 18.

O'Connell's attorney, Jeff Tocchio, said the proposed new building would be a continuation of the redevelopment seen along Franklin Street in recent years. Tocchio said his client wants to see the garage at 10 Independence Ave replaced.

"He does not like that garage. I don't know if you know him; he's a local gentleman. Things like this get his interest and it's something he's going to deal with," Tocchio said. "This is an opportunity to have somebody invest private money in a building going forward that is going to be able to hopefully replace that garage that exists there today."

A different developer had proposed a four-story, nine-

unit project for the same site earlier this year. Those plans were withdrawn after a pair of public hearings during which residents and nearby business owners expressed disapproval with the proposal.

The new proposal for the site differs in several ways from the one put forward earlier this year, Tocchio said. For instance, the building proposed earlier this year would have had a brick exterior while the new proposal uses hardy board planking on the exterior. Those boards would have a cream color to them, which Tocchio said was inspired by other buildings in the area, including the birthplace of John Quincy Adams.

In addition, the original proposal for the site had the main entrance to the building on Independence Avenue. The entrance has been moved to the corner of the intersection and setback more than five feet from the sidewalk, Tocchio said, with the upper floors cantilevered over the entrance.

Tocchio said the new proposal also cleans up the rear of the property, or what he called the back of the house, where parking for 18 vehicles would be located, one for each of the 18 bedrooms proposed on site. Some of the parking spaces would be located under the building and the rest would be along the property line. Tocchio said the aisle in between those two rows of



FOUR-STORY, nine-unit condominium building has been proposed for the corner of Independence Avenue and Franklin Street. The Planning Board held a hearing on the matter on Nov. 20 and will take it up again on Dec. 18. Note that new street trees would be included in the plan but are not shown in the rendering. *Rendering Courtesy Choo & Company*

parking spaces would be big enough to accommodate delivery trucks.

The building would have common areas, including a gym, on the first floor. Three residential units would be located on each of the three floors above; each condominium unit would contain about 1,300 square feet of living space. The building would have a mansard roof on the fourth floor; Tocchio said the beauty of a mansard roof is it allows livable space to be enclosed within the roofline.

The top of the roofline would stand 44 feet, 10 inches off the ground, Tocchio stated. He said that while concerns have been

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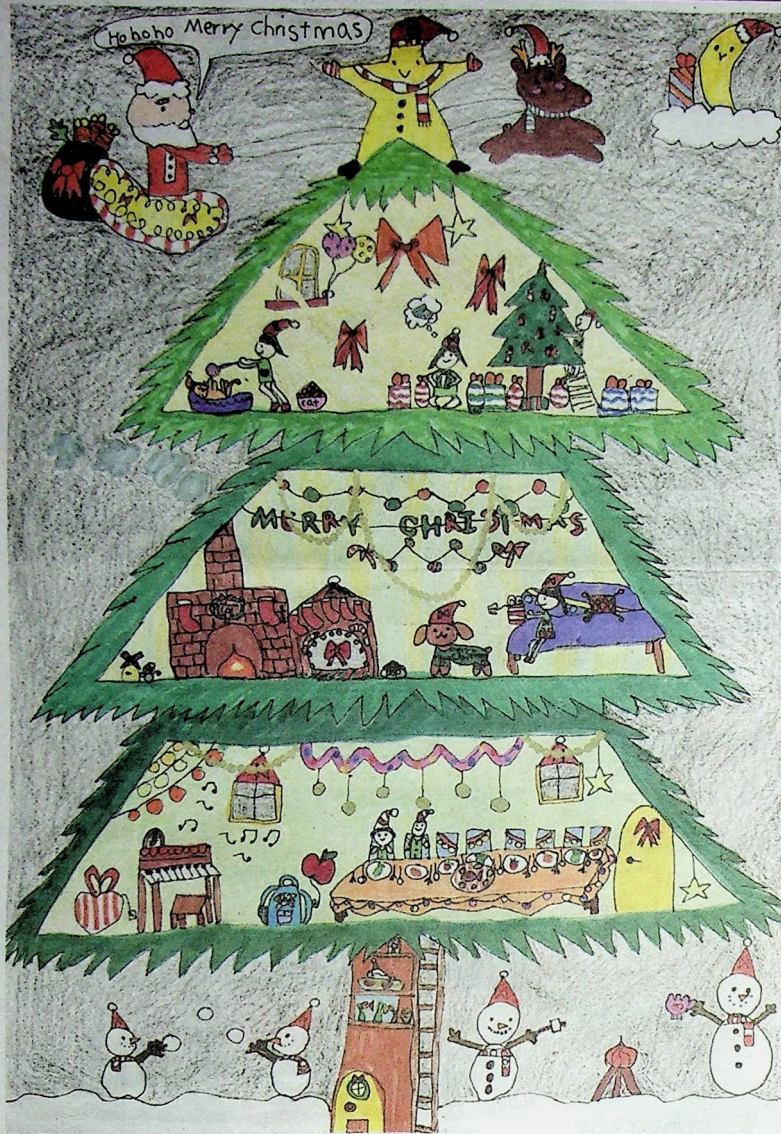


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1ST PLACE: EUNICE WU, Wollaston School, Grade 1

Judges Comments: 'Clever and well thought out composition. The levels of the tree, bright with soft yellows, contrast so well with the various greens. The added characters surrounding, fill what could be a dull background. This artist has loads of imagination and knows how to "sell" her concepts! Great Job!'



2ND PLACE: OLIVIA LI, Quincy Catholic Academy, Grade 3

Judges Comments: 'We love the bold strong design and the color choices feel fresh, bright and welcoming. The Christmas trees grouped with the warm glow of the stars adds warmth. "Frosty" at the door stands waiting for the fun to begin. Love the floating presents!'

2024 Christmas Poster Contest Winners Announced

Quincy Access Television congratulates the winners of this year's Christmas Poster Contest. Elementary school students from Quincy Public Schools and the Quincy Catholic Academy participated in this annual contest sponsored by Quincy Access Television.

There were 923 poster contest entries that were judged by Tony and Phyllis Andrade, longtime members of the Quincy Art Association. The contest holds two categories: Grades 1-3 and Grades 4 & 5, and prizes awarded for first place \$100, second place \$75 and third place \$50. The following students were judged winners.

Grades 1-3: First Place: Eunice Wu, Grade 1, Wollaston Elementary; second place: Olivia Li, Grade 3, Quincy Catholic Academy; and third place: Aanav Gowda, Grade 3, Merrymount Elementary.

Grades 4 & 5: First Place: Prajna Singh, Grade 4, Clifford Marshall Elementary; second place: Elliot Martinez, Grade 5, Charles Bernazzani Elementary; and third place: Chasity (Yu Ching) Tai, Grade 4, Lincoln Hancock Elementary.

The winning students are invited by the Christmas Festival Committee to ride in the 71st Quincy Christmas Parade

on Sunday, Dec. 1, and their posters will be displayed in the front window of the Quincy Sun at 1372 Hancock St. throughout the holiday season. The judges were impressed by the talent of the young artists and chose an additional eight 'honorable mentions', which will also be placed in the front window of The Quincy Sun.

When asked about the judging process, Tony Andrade said, "Phyllis and I have been invited to judge the show for the last 8 years, and it's truly a joy! First, it gets us thinking about the upcoming season, sort of like setting the mood! Then naturally, it's the amount of hard work performed by

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1ST PLACE: PRAJNA SINGH, Clifford Marshall Grade 4

Judges Comments: 'Here we see a colorful scene in a downtown parade, complete with Santas, crowds of happy people and carefully drawn details. The viewer can enjoy this engaging landscape. This is outstanding work!'



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2024 Christmas Poster Contest Winners Announced

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students that go into all the creative works we look at. These young students run the gamut from super creative and expressive, to adorable and heart-warming, to downright wild and crazy in their creations. We like to see imagination unbound and the kids always seem to come through keep us amazed.

"Children can tell you a lot about themselves if you hand them a sheet of paper, crayons and a few inspirational suggestions to start them up. All the work is an inspiration to us, strong drawing abilities were found down to the lowest grades. We do hope our favorites are enjoyed throughout the season!"

The honorable mentions chosen were: Danile Chen, Grade 3, Beechwood Knoll; Hazel Li, Grade 2, Clifford Marshall; Jeffery (Zihao) Zhou, Grade 1, Montclair; Ryan (Edu-

ardo) Esteban Lee, Grade 1, Merrymount; Alexandra Lee, Grade 5, South West Middle; Maya Jadli, Grade 5, Quincy Catholic Academy; Olivia Barros, Grade 5, Quincy Catholic Academy; and Uzair Syed Ahmed, Grade 4, Parker Elementary.

Quincy Access Television congratulates the winners and the honorable mentions for their great work! We thank the Quincy Public Schools and Quincy Catholic Academy principals, teachers and staff who support QATV during the poster contest. And a special thanks to our judges, Phyllis and Tony, who put their time and expertise into choosing the winners for us each year. Great work all around!

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Poster at Right:

2ND PLACE: ELLIOT MARTINEZ, Bernazzani, Grade 5

Judges Comments: 'The mood of this beautiful poster, is an easy-going landscape with rich color; the dog at center makes it correctly balanced. The green frame adds interest and makes it ready for framing. Great work!'

Middle Poster

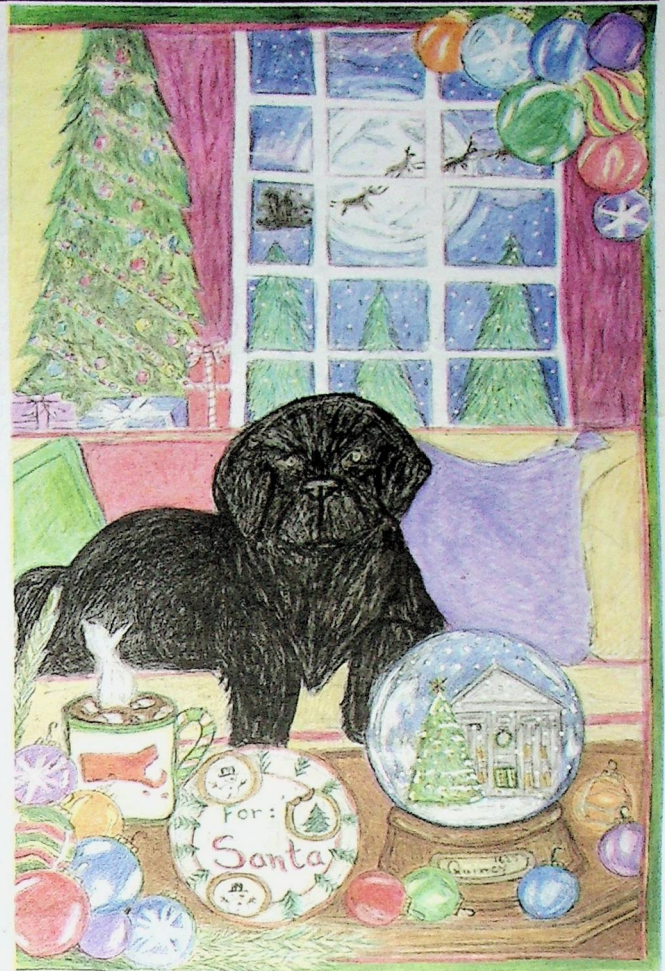
3RD PLACE: AANAV GOWDA, Merrymount School, Grade 3

Judges Comments: 'This montage of "Holiday Magic" is beautifully composed like windows into the hearts of the holidays! Very well drawn items with colors that reflect the joy of the season and details that say just enough. All carefully presented by this talented artist. Well done!'

Poster Below Right

3RD PLACE: CHASITY YU CHING TAI, Lincoln Hancock, Grade 4

Judges Comments: 'This Christmas landscape brings an "out the worldly experience" down to earth. The composition shows exciting movement with numerous details, beautifully drawn images and attention to coloring, there is much imagination in this unique poster.'



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DANILE CHEN, Grade 3, Beechwood Knoll



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2024 QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL varsity football team. Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth



92ND CITY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quincy Presidents vs. North Quincy Raiders



Presidents, Raiders Ready For THE GAME



QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENTS 2024-2025 VARSITY FOOTBALL



#	Name	Pos.	Year
1	Jayden Francois	WR/DB	Sr.
3B/2W	Alex Martinez	RB/LB	Sr.
4	Donovan O'Connell	RB/LB	Sr.
5	Nate Allen	WR/DB	Jr.
6	Darryl Wright	WR/DB	Jr.
7	Leo Steinberg	RB/LB	Jr.
8	Brayden O'Connell	QB/DB	Jr.
9	Ryan Beach	RB/DB	So.
10	Sean Conover	WR/DB	Sr.
11	Nate Goff *	QB	Sr.
12	John Jordan	QB/DB	Sr.
14	Jordan Leathers	WR/DB	Sr.
16	Johjoe Ham	WR/DB	So.
18	Diego Tavares Goncalves	WR/DB	Sr.
19	Dimario Blaise	QB/LB	Jr.
21	Jonas Ala *	RB/LB	So.
22	Will Codner *	RB/LB	Sr.
23	Dante Melanson	WR/DB	Jr.
25	Tedsen Pierre	RB/LB	Jr.
31	Luka Albuquerque	RB/LB	Jr.
32	Jacquens Gedeon	WR/DB	Sr.
33	Gavin O'Hare	RB/DB	So.
44	Will Cannon	RB/LB	So.

#	Name	Pos.	Year
50	Gavin Doyle	OL/DL	Jr.
51	Matthew Powers	OL/LB	So.
52	Wyatt Drinkwater	OL/LB	Jr.
53	Rory Williams	OL/LB	So.
54	Jacoby Quinn	OL/DL	Jr.
55	Elijah Charles	OL/DL	Sr.
56	Cameron Lynch	OL/DL	Sr.
57	Caleb Bridden	OL/DL	Jr.
58	Zachary Aldoupolis	OL/LB	Jr.
59	Cullen McSweeney	OL/LB	So.
62	Jack Boyd	OL/DL	Jr.
64	Chris Young	OL/DL	Jr.
65	Welington Jaquez Castillo	OL/DL	Jr.
66	Devin McPartlin	OL/DL	Jr.
68	LJ Thompson	OL/DL	So.
70	Jaiden Williams	OL/DL	So.
71	Maurice Donovan	OL/DL	Sr.
72	London Monteiro	OL/LB	So.
73	Ayden McElhiney	OL/DL	Jr.
75	Brady O'Neil	OL/DL	Jr.
76	Oliver Levine *	OL/DL	Sr.
77	Gabriel De Oliveira	OL/DL	Sr.
79	Justin Silva	OL/DL	Sr.
85	Kason Barter	WR/DB	So.

* - Captains

Head Coach
Ed DeWitt ('04)

Assistant Coaches
Paul Carson ('08)
Scott Pagington ('04)
Ally Sleiman ('92)
Sean LoPresti
Steve Leone

Freshmen Coaches
Justin Thorley ('04)
Curran Jorgensen ('12)

Equipment Manager
Rick Beach

Athletic Trainer
Steve Garofalo

Cheerleading Coach
Amy Che

Superintendent
Kevin W. Mulvey, J.D.

Principal
Keith Ford

Athletic Director/Assistant AD
Kevin Mahoney
Matt Rodriguez

By TOM JOYCE

Which school has the city's best high school football team this year: Quincy or North Quincy?

The city will find out on Thanksgiving morning.

The Quincy High Presidents and the North Quincy High Raiders will face off in the 92nd city football championship game at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning at Veterans' Memorial Stadium in Quincy. The game could be competitive, with both teams hoping to end their season on a strong note.

The Presidents (3-7) hope to rebound from last year's 43-20 loss to the Raiders on Thanksgiving. Quincy is coming off a tight 13-6 loss against Silver Lake on Nov. 14 - a game that could have gone either way.

Meanwhile, the Raiders have won the last three out of four holiday contests against the Presidents. North (4-6) enters its match-up against Quincy looking to snap a four-game losing streak after starting the season 4-2. Like the Presidents, the Raiders are coming off a competitive loss. How-

ever, the Raiders lost 57-49 against Plymouth North in a game that went into six overtimes on Nov. 15; it's likely one of the only six overtime football games that has been played in the country this year.

Offensively, the Raiders are the most pass-heavy team in city history. Senior quarterback Mike Galligan has 2,153 passing yards and 27 touchdown passes this season, both of which are city records. He also has the career city records for touchdown passes (54) and passing yards (4,502), both of which are records he set this season. Galligan also has most of the team's rushing yards this season (522 out of 988) and eight of the team's 12 rushing touchdowns.

Similarly, wide receiver Marques Rodrigues-Smith has 13 touchdown catches this year, which broke the previous city record of 11. With 942 receiving yards this season, Rodrigues-Smith is eight yards shy of setting the single-season city record -- a record he could set with his first re-

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QUINCY 2024 RECORD 3-7

9/13	ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS	W, 53-6
9/21	@ Concord Carlisle	L, 29-12
9/28	WESTWOOD	L, 32-13
10/4	BRAINTREE	W, 22-7
10/11	@ Pembroke	L, 15-14
10/17	HANOVER	L, 30-16
10/25	@ Plymouth South	W, 14-7
11/1	SCITUATE	L, 43-7
11/8	@ Catholic Memorial	L, 32-0*
11/14	SILVER LAKE	L, 13-6
11/28	NORTH QUINCY	10 a.m.

* MIAA Playoffs



2024 NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL varsity football team. Photo Courtesy Amy Sampson



92ND CITY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quincy Presidents vs. North Quincy Raiders



2024 VARSITY ROSTER - HOME (BLACK)

#	NAME	POS	YR
0	Philip Le	RB/LB	Sr.
2	Ryan Wirtz	WR/CB	Jr.
3	Marques Rodrigues-Smith	WR/CB	Sr.
4	Tyler Cromwell	WR/LB	Sr.
5	Tim Toland	RB/LB	Jr.
6	Ryan Sampson	QB/DB	So.
7	Gavin Brown	RB/LB	So.
9	Pat Connor	WR/LB	So.
10	John Gnaku	WR/DE	Jr.
11	Silas McKenney	WR/CB	Jr.
12	Joe Knox	WR/CB	So.
13	Cam Sampson	WR/DB	Sr.
14	Muhamad Alzubaidy	WR/DE	So.
15	Erick Delima	WR/DB	So.
17	Mikey Galligan	QB	Sr.
18	Ryan Chen	WR/DB	So.
19	Cole Doyle	QB/LB	Fr.
22	Jovany Morales	RB/LB	Sr.
23	Mark Ibrahim	WR/LB	Jr.
24	Ronan Brown	WR/DB	Jr.
25	Thomas Yang	RB/LB	So.
27	Alvin Nikolla	WR/DB/K	Jr.
28	Johnson Yu	RB/LB	Jr.
29	Connor Lynch	WR/DB	Fr.
30	Komaree Miles	WR/DB	Fr.
31	James Conroy	WR/DB	Fr.
32	Jayden Gardner	RB/LB	Fr.

#	NAME	POS	YR
40	Oisin Faherty	WR/DB	Fr.
42	Spencer Knight	WR/LB	Jr.
44	Brady Craig	RB/LB	Jr.
50	Mike Nista	G/DT	Sr.
52	Marcus Smith	T/DT	Fr.
53	Jack Coughlin	T/DT	So.
54	Hussain Alzubaidy	T/DE	Sr.
55	Giuseppe Talarico	T/DE	Jr.
56	Joe Nista	G/DT	Sr.
57	Jacob Campbell	G/DT	Fr.
58	Ethan Xu	T/DE	So.
60	Xinghong Lin	G/DT	Fr.
61	Vincent Lin	G/DT	Fr.
68	Anderson Chen	G/DT	So.
70	Mason Ayer	T/DT	Fr.
72	Kevin Kadilliu	T/DE	So.
75	Matt Travers	T/DT	Fr.
76	Shawn Pierre	G/DT	So.
77	Breven Lyons	C/DT	So.
78	Joey Rodriguez	T/DT	Sr.
79	Nolan Ayer	T/DT	Fr.
80	Tommy Galligan	WR/LB	Fr.
83	Jaylen Williams	WR/DB	Fr.
85	Joey Morton	DE	Fr.
87	Billy Kennedy	WR/DE	Sr.
88	Andy Lowe	RB/LB	So.

Captains: #3 Marques Rodrigues-Smith, #13 Cam Sampson, #17 Mikey Galligan, #24 Ronan Brown, #54 Hussain Alzubaidy

Head Coach: Ryan Craig (7th season)

Assistant Coach: Sean Glennon
 Assistant Coach: Dylan Meehan
 Assistant Coach: Jeff Powers
 Assistant Coach: Nick Cangemi
 Assistant Coach: Dan Sampson
 Assistant Coach: Greg Sommers
 Assistant Coach: Tom Walsh

JV Coach: Tom Carter
 JV Coach: Peter Chrisom
 Head Freshman Coach: Pat Dooley
 Freshman Coach: Paul Brown
 Assistant Coach: Dan Gilmartin
 Assistant Coach: Ken McPhee
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 Assistant Principal: Noreen Holland
 Athletic Director: Kevin Mahoney
 Assistant Athletic Director: Martin Dunham

Presidents, Raiders Ready For THE GAME

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ception on Thanksgiving. Meanwhile, wide receiver Ryan Wirtz (49 receptions) and Rodrigues-Smith (43 receptions) could set the city's single-season record for receptions, which stands at 50; Wirtz appears more likely to surpass that mark.

Defensively, linebacker Brady Craig leads the Raiders with 75 tackles and nine tackles for losses, while defensive end Hussain Alzubaidy leads the team with four sacks. The Raiders have intercepted other teams nine times this season, with Rodrigues-Smith, a defensive back, leading the team with three picks.

The Raiders have played in many high-scoring games this season, scoring 29.9 points per game while allowing 35 points on aver-

age.

That style differs from the Presidents, who are more of a running team on offense. The Presidents also generally play much lower-scoring games. The Presidents have averaged 15.7 points per game this year on offense while allowing 21.4 points.

Leading Quincy's ground game are Leo Steinberg and Jonas Ala. Steinberg, who rushed for 70 yards on Thanksgiving last year, has carried the ball 119 times for 710 yards with eight touchdowns. Ala, who contributed to the varsity squad as a freshman, has rushed 117 times for 500 yards and six touchdowns. Ala also has caught 13 receptions for 118 yards.

Quincy quarterback Nate

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NORTH QUINCY 2024 RECORD 4-6

9/6	CAMBRIDGE R&L	W, 43-7
9/14	OLIVER AMES	W, 41-28
9/20	@ Braintree	L, 40-20
10/4	@ Cohasset	W, 28-21
10/11	PLYMOUTH SOUTH	L, 32-28
10/18	PEMBROKE	W, 28-16
10/24	@ Scituate	L, 56-20
11/1	@ Hanover	L, 42-7
11/8	@ Barnstable	L, 51-35*
11/15	PLYMOUTH NORTH	L, 57-49 (6OT)
11/28	@ Quincy	10 a.m.
* MIAA Playoffs		

Presidents, Raiders Ready For THE GAME

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Goff has completed 65 passes for 853 yards and five touchdowns.

Another key contributor

for Quincy's offense is Alex Martinez who also gets carries and is one of the team's top receivers. Captain and offensive tackle Oliver

Levine and junior Jacoby Quinn are among those who create holes for these players to gain yards on the ground.

Goff's preferred target is wide receiver Jayden Francois who has 41 receptions for 558 yards and six touchdowns. Martinez, who led

the team in receiving yards last season, is another common target.

Defensively, the Presidents get strong contributions from their linebackers, including Ala, Steinberg, Martinez, and senior captain Will Codner. Quinn, who has been on varsity since a freshman, is another key contributor on the defensive line, along with fellow senior Justin Silva, among others.

This season, the two Quincy schools faced five common opponents. Those teams include: Hanover, Scituate, Plymouth South, Pembroke, and Braintree. Except for Braintree, all of these schools are fellow Patriot League teams.

The Presidents went 2-3 against these common foes, while the Raiders went 1-4.

The Presidents beat Braintree 22-7 in Week 4, while the Raiders lost to Braintree 40-20 in Week 2. The Presidents beat Plymouth South 14-7 in Week 7, while the Raiders lost to Plymouth South 32-28 in Week 5. Meanwhile, the Presidents lost 15-14 to Pembroke in Week 5, but the Raiders beat Pembroke 28-16 the following week.

Both teams lost to Scituate and Hanover. The Presidents fell 43-7 to Scituate in Week 8, while the Raiders lost 56-20 in Week 7. Plus, the Presidents fell 30-16 to Hanover in Week 6, and the Raiders lost 42-7 to Hanover in Week 8.

The Thanksgiving day bout will be the final game of the high school football careers of the seniors on both sides.

The Presidents have some experience on their side this season, with 16

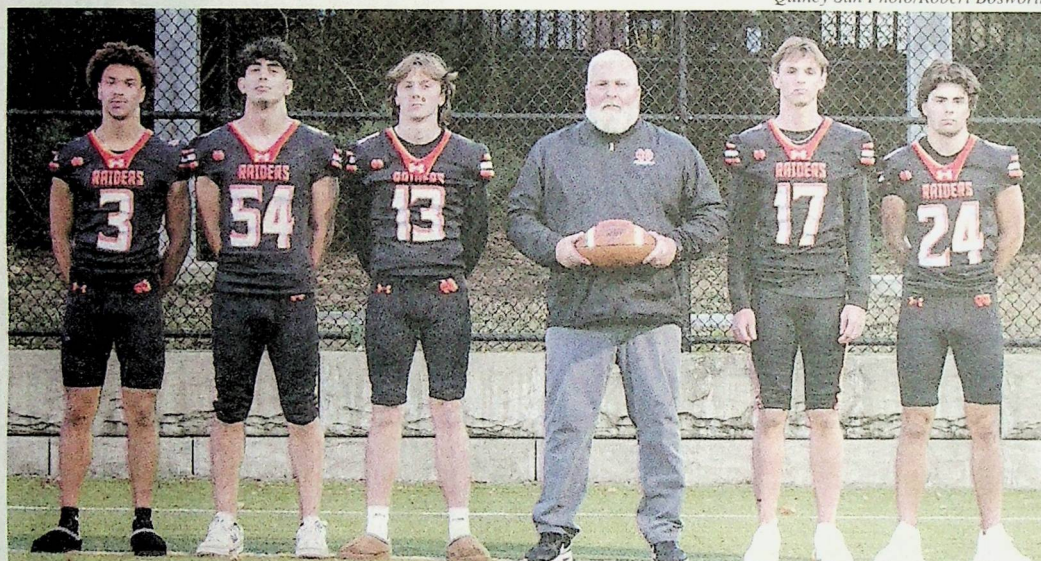
seniors on the roster. The roster for the Presidents this season includes: wide receiver/defensive back Jayden Francois, running back/linebacker Alex Martinez, running back/linebacker Donovan O'Connell, wide receiver/defensive back Sean Conover, quarterback and captain Nate Goff, quarterback/defensive back John Jordan, wide receiver/defensive back Jordan Leathers, wide receiver/defensive back Diego Tavares Goncalves, running back/linebacker and captain Will Codner, wide receiver/defensive back Jacquens Gedeon, offensive lineman/defensive lineman Elijah Charles, offensive lineman/defensive lineman Cameron Lynch, offensive lineman/defensive lineman Maurice Donovan, offensive lineman/defensive lineman and captain Oliver Levine, offensive lineman/defensive lineman Gabriel De Oliveira, and offensive lineman/defensive lineman Justin Silva.

The Raiders are a younger team this season, with 11 seniors on their roster. The seniors for the Raiders this year include: running back/linebacker Philip Le, wide receiver/cornerback Marques Rodrigues-Smith, wide receiver/linebacker Tyler Cromwell, wide receiver/defensive back Cam Sampson, quarterback Mike Galligan, running back/linebacker Jovany Morales, guard/defensive tackle Mike Nista, tight end/defensive end Hussain Alzubaidy, guard/defensive tackle Joe Nista, offensive tackle/defensive tackle Joey Rodriguez, and wide receiver/defensive end Billy Kennedy.



QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL varsity football coach Ed Dewitt (center) and four captains (from left) Will Conder (#22), Jonas Ala (#21), Nate Goff (#11) and Oliver Levine (#76) will lead the Presidents against the North Quincy Raiders in the 92nd city football championship Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 28 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. Kick-off is at 10 a.m.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth



NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL varsity football coach Ryan Craig (third from right) and five captains (from left) Marques Rodrigues-Smith (#3), Hussain Alzubaidy (#54), Cam Sampson (#13), Mike Galligan (#17) and Ronan Brown (#24) will lead the Raiders against the Quincy Presidents in the 92nd city football championship Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 28 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. Kick-off is at 10 a.m.

Photo Courtesy Amy Sampson

The Series: Quincy 49 Wins, North Quincy 37 Wins, 5 Ties

Results From The 91 Games

Entering Thursday's 92nd annual football game between the Quincy Presidents and the North Quincy Raiders, Quincy High School holds the edge with a 49-37-5 series record.

Last November, the Raiders defeated the Presidents, 43-20. North Quincy senior running back Ben Hudach scored three touchdowns as the Raiders won the 91st city football championship. Hudach caught a 4-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mike Galligan and rushed for two more scores (9 and 3 yards) in the holiday win.

Entering this year's contest, North Quincy has won three out of the last four Thanksgiving Day games. The one exception is 2022 when the Presidents defeated the Raiders 40-35

in a historic match-up. The combined 75 points was the most scored in a Q-NQ football game ever in series history eclipsing the 64 points scored in 1955 (Quincy 44, North Quincy 20).

Quincy's win in 2022 snapped the Raiders two-game win streak in the holiday game.

In November 2021, the Raiders defeated the Presidents, 15-12 in the 89th title game. In April of 2021, the Raiders defeated the Presidents 21-0 in the 88th annual city championship. The traditional Thanksgiving Day game match-up in 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the game was played on Sunday, April 11.

Quincy won four straight games from 2012 to 2015.

North snapped that win-

ning streak in 2016 with a 13-6 victory over Quincy.

The Raiders were victorious from 2009-2011 after the Presidents reeled off 10 straight wins (1999 - 2008).

The contests in 1934, 1937, 1940 and 1983 were scoreless affairs, while the 55th meeting in 1987 ended in a 14-14 stalemate.

The series was last deadlocked at 7-7-3 going into the 1950 game.

The series history:

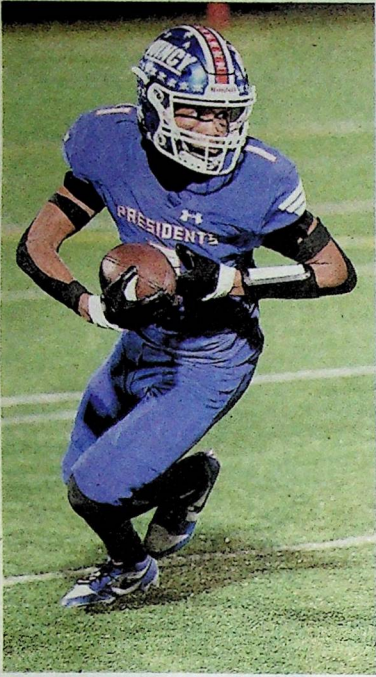
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1936: North 6, Quincy 0
1937: North 0, Quincy 0
1938: Quincy 19, North 0
1939: North 6, Quincy 0
1940: North 0, Quincy 0
1941: Quincy 34, North 0
1942: Quincy 27, North 0
1943: Quincy 12, North 7
1944: North 6, Quincy 0
1945: North 7, Quincy 0

1946: Quincy 31, North 6
1947: Quincy 19, North 6
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1949: Quincy 25, North 0
1950: Quincy 20, North 0
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1959: North 18, Quincy 14
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1962: North 18, Quincy 0
1963: North 14, Quincy 10
1964: Quincy 12, North 8
1965: Quincy 20, North 16
1966: North 8, Quincy 0
1967: North 14, Quincy 6
1968: Quincy 21, North 8
1969: Quincy 53, North 0
1970: Quincy 16, North 6
1971: North 30, Quincy 12
1972: North 24, Quincy 8
1973: North 20, Quincy 10

1974: Quincy 14, North 13
1975: North 15, Quincy 8 (OT)
1976: North 24, Quincy 0
1977: Quincy 34, North 8
1978: Quincy 13, North 7
1979: Quincy 34, North 3
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1981: North 7, Quincy 0
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1983: Quincy 0, North 0
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1985: North 7, Quincy 6
1986: North 24, Quincy 7
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1990: Quincy 23, North 17
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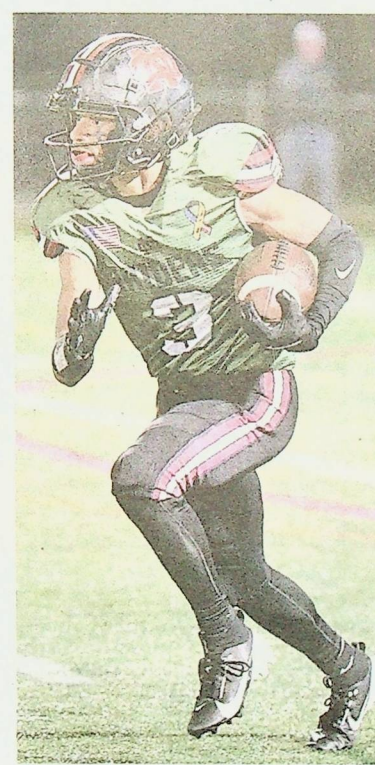
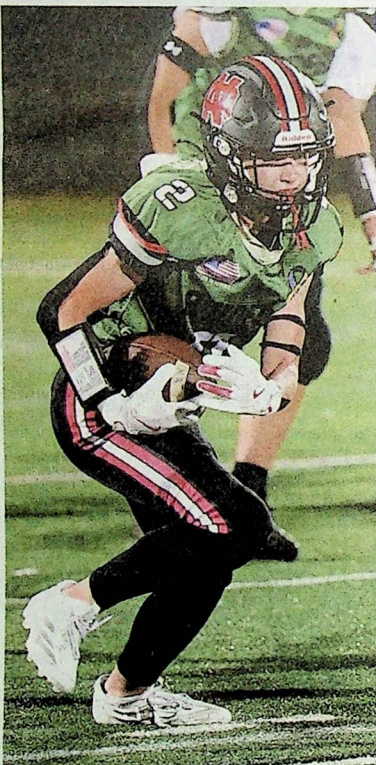
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2010: North 13, Quincy 6
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2012: Quincy 30, North 14
2013: Quincy 14, North 0
2014: Quincy 33, North 6
2015: Quincy 33, North 20
2016: North 13, Quincy 6
2017: North 7, Quincy 6
2018: North 33, Quincy 8
2019: Quincy 20, North 6
*2020: North 21, Quincy 0
* 2020 Thanksgiving Game was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The game was played April 11, 2021.
2021: North 15, Quincy 12
2022: Quincy 40, North 35.
2023: North 43, Quincy 20

Players To Watch - Quincy High School Presidents



QUINCY PLAYERS to watch include (from left to right) senior wide receiver Jayden Francois (#1), sophomore running back Jonas Ala (#21), senior quarterback Nate Goff (#11) and junior running back Leo Steinberg (#7). Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

Players To Watch - North Quincy High School Raiders



NORTH QUINCY players to watch include (from left to right) junior wide receiver Ryan Wirtz (#2), senior quarterback Mike Galligan (#17), senior wide receiver Marques Rodrigues-Smith (#3) and senior wide receiver Cam Sampson (#13). Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

Turkey Day Tailgate To Honor Super Bowl Champ Joe Cullen

Pigskin Gala Has Raised \$31,000 For Quincy Youth

By KERRY BYRNE

The Pigskin Gala tailgate party returns to Pageant Field in glorious all-American fashion on Thanksgiving Day.

Kansas City Chiefs assistant coach and former Quincy High football star Joe Cullen (Class of '85) will be honored as the Joe Brill Memorial City of Presidents Football Man of the Year.

The Pigskin Gala begins at 6 a.m. and ends at 10 a.m. for kickoff of the Quincy-North Quincy Turkey Day

football game. The event is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

The Pigskin Gala has raised more than \$31,000 for youth sports and activities in Quincy over the past six years thanks to the generosity of local businesses and community supporters.

Braintree Brewhouse, owned by North Quincy alum Alex Kesaris (Class of '85), and his sons Christian and Max Kesaris, returns as the title sponsor.

Breakfast for 150 is gen-

erously donated again by the Frattaroli family, owners of Victory Point in Marina Bay.

A list of sponsors, and link for donations, can be found at the Pigskin Gala XXXVII Facebook page. Donations can also be made via Venmo (@pigskingala-fund) or GoFundMe (search "Pigskin Gala").

Money raised at this year's event will be donated again to Quincy Youth Football and Cheerleading.

The 2024 Pigskin Gala

honors Cullen for his career spent coaching both college and pro football. He was a bruising running back and fearsome defensive lineman for the Presidents and has won two Super Bowls as defensive line coach for the NFL Chiefs.

"Joe Cullen was one of the best football players in City of Quincy history and the passion for the game he displayed for Quincy in the 1980s has helped Kansas City win two Super Bowls

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QATV Live Coverage North Quincy-Quincy Football Game

Quincy Access Television (QATV) announces the 2024 Thanksgiving football game between the North Quincy Raiders and the Quincy Presidents will be shown live on QATV-8, QATV-HD 1072 and QATV.org on Thanksgiving morning.

Live coverage will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Thanksgiving GameDay pre-game show, followed by game coverage starting at 10 a.m.

The Thanksgiving GameDay pre-game show will be hosted by Steve Maze and feature Quincy and North Quincy coaches, principals, students, alumni and more. QATV's Jonathan Caliri will call the play-by-play of the game.

The game will replay on QATV-8 and QATV-HD 1072 several times Thanksgiving weekend. The game will replay Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th, at 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 29th at noon and 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 30th at noon and 10 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 1st at 8 p.m.

For more information about QATV's Thanksgiving football programming, visit www.QATV.org or call 617-376-1440 ext. 224.

Quincy High School Varsity Football Cheerleaders



LEADING THE CHEERS for the Quincy football team this season are the Presidents' cheerleaders. Front row (kneeling) from left to right: Jariely Martinez, Captain Nadia Faticanti, Captain Isabella Picarski, Peyton Zacharias and Kaylani Legal. Back row (standing) from left to right: Hannah Elder, Alyson Doyle, Jayla Phillips, Marilyn Bonica, Piper Neal and Frances Verrochi.

North Quincy High School Varsity Football Cheerleaders



LEADING THE CHEERS for the North Quincy football team this season are the Raiders' cheerleaders. Front row (kneeling) from left to right: Leila Schaareman, Anna Zhang, Captain Brigid Burke, Captain Colby McIntosh, Captain Annie Hays, Chloe Brunelle and Brigid Balzarini. Middle row (from left to right): Hayden Miller, Kailey Lynch, Madysen Maloney, Ava Le, Lilah Barry, Sophia Ostiguy, Kylie McDonald, Grace Healy, Bridget Gilmartin, Kayleigh McCarthy, Ellie Fin and Hadley MacDermott. Back row (from left to right): Jolie Pham, Olivia Amaral, Ally McHugh, Mady Cassidy, Maria Paccioretti, Margaret O'Brien, Alex Darcy, Gianna Bassett, Julia Kulakowska, Emily Davis and Finley Houlihan.

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Turkey Day Tailgate To Honor Super Bowl Champ Joe Cullen

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the past two years," said Pigskin Gala Host Committee spokesman Mark Linane.

Cullen led Quincy High to a 14-12 Thanksgiving Day victory over North Quincy as a senior in 1984, earning the Granville Award as the game's Most Valuable Player. He was also named Defensive MVP of the statewide Harry Agganis all-star game that season. His teammate, QHS quarterback Bill Shaughnessy, captured Offensive MVP honors in the same game.

Past City of Presidents Football Man of the Year Awards have gone to former Quincy High quarterback Chris Noble; long-time Quincy Point Panthers coaches Tom Ford and to John Ford; prominent high-school sports advocates and fundraisers Scott Campbell and Sean Glennon; and Quincy Youth Football and Cheerleading coach and organizer Sean "Chooch" Halpin.

The award was named in honor of beloved late Quincy resident Joe Brill, who passed away on Thanksgiving Day 2021 soon after attending the Pigskin Gala.

The Pigskin Gala com-

munity lost Noble in 2023, and Tom Ford in 2024, but remains grateful for their contributions to football in Quincy.

The Pigskin Gala has been dubbed "America's Greatest High School Football Tailgate Party." It attracts hundreds of guests from both sides of the city and celebrates its 37th year here in 2024.

The celebration includes tailgate breakfast; flag football jamboree with scores of youngsters from Quincy Youth Football and Cheerleading; entertainment by Patrick M. Sullivan, the Official Bagpiper of the Pigskin Gala, and son of Quincy High School Class of 1988 graduates Dan and Keri (Mortimer) Sullivan; and an awards ceremony.

Longtime Quincy resident Paul Desmond, a member of the city's "First Family of Football," donates his time to lead the volunteer kitchen staff. Desmond, three-time Pigskin Gala Most Valuable Tailgater, is working remotely this year.

The kitchen has been ably staffed by many assistants. Most notable among them, Mike "The Hammer" Colantonio, who will be honored Thursday for heroes last season's as 2023 Most Valuable Tailgater.



THE PIGSKIN GALA has raised and donated more than \$31,000 to Quincy youth sports and activities. This year's event will honor former Quincy High School star and current Kansas City Chiefs defensive line coach Joe Cullen with the Joe Brill Memorial City of Presidents Football Man of the Year award. Title sponsor again is Braintree Brewhouse, owned by Alex Kesaris, a North Quincy High School graduate. Shown here is a recent check donation to Quincy Youth Football and Cheerleading.

Courtesy Photo

Longtime friends and mothers of a combined 10 Quincy High School graduates, Phyllis and "Fancy Nancy" hosted the Pigskin Gala for two decades, annually welcoming countless football fans into their homes on Thanksgiving morning, before the event moved to Pageant Field.

Without these two patriotic Quincy moms, the Pigskin Gala would not have grown into the celebration of America and benefit for the city's schoolchildren that it is today.

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On Wednesday, November 13, at about 5:31 p.m. Officers Thomas and Graham were dispatched to Burgin Parkway in the area of TJ Maxx on Granite Street for a report of a motor vehicle accident. The QPD Communication Division updated responding officers that the reporting person stated that the other vehicle involved was driving extremely erratically, had hit her and then took off.

The suspect vehicle fled southbound on Burgin Parkway towards BJ's Gas Station with heavy front-end damage. A short time later, Detective O'Rourke oversaw the suspect vehicle and stopped the operator at Thomas Burgin Parkway and Liberty Street. Officer Thomas responded to this location to speak to the operator. It was determined that the operator was involved in the hit and run crash, had a suspended driver's license and that he was also operating under the influence.

A Job Well Done

By **OFFICER GREGG HARTNETT**
Public Information Officer
Quincy Police Department

The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to Quincy Police Headquarters where he was booked in the usual manner by Sergeant J. McNeil. The suspect was later arraigned at the Quincy District Court for the following: (1) operating with a suspended license (subsequent offense), (2) leaving the scene of property damage, (3) reckless operation of a motor vehicle and operating under the influence of drugs.

Job Well Done!

We have seen an increase of motor vehicle breaks in the Beechwood Knoll neighborhood and High Point apartment complex. We remind residents to lock up their vehicles and secure valuables. Please contact the police if you see suspicious person(s) or vehicles in your neighborhood. If street lights or the lighting at your residential complex are not working, please contact the City of Quincy TPAL Division or your property management.

We hope to see everyone at the Tree Lighting on the Hancock-Adams Common on Friday, Nov. 29, Santa's arrival by helicopter at Pageant Field on Saturday, Nov. 30 or the City of Quincy Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 1. Chief Mark Kennedy and all of us here at the Quincy Police Department wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season.

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 5:50 a.m., Harris St. Caller states her husband's work van was broken into overnight and all his tools were stolen. Report filed.

VANDALISM (tree), 11:23 a.m., 229 Wilson Ave. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (items taken), 12:54 p.m., 6 Highpoint Cir. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 2:19 p.m., Avalon Quincy, 2 Avalon Dr. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (just fled), 2:55 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Merchandise recovered. Suspect fled. Store to handle.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (apartment), 5:35 p.m., Faxon Commons, 1055 Southern Arty. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (packages), 8:59 p.m., 500 Willard St. Report to be filed.

WORKING FIRE (in the woods), 11:47 p.m., Garfield St. Caller reports a fire in the woods. QFD responding and extinguishing fire.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

SHOPLIFT (drinks), 1:55 a.m., CVS, 626 Southern Arty. Items returned. Suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

DISORDER (tow dispute), 6:13 a.m., Faxon Commons, 999 Southern Arty. Peace restored.

DISORDER (loud noise), 8:34 a.m., 188 Furnace Brook Pkwy. Arguing about the noise of construction. Peace restored. All advised.

SHOPLIFT (male), 11:37 a.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Merchandise recovered. Suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

SHOPLIFT (happened Nov. 9), 1:17 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (wallet), 1:29 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (female screaming), 6:38 p.m., 360 Beale St. Caller is a passerby who was walking her dog and stated that there is a female screaming in the area. Unknown where it is coming from. Two people arguing about gas. Uncooperative. Advised.

SHOPLIFT (female), 7:04 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (shoplift), 8:42 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Suspect fled. Unable to locate. Store to handle.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

BREAKING AND ENTERING (happened 10 minutes ago), 2:32 a.m., 83 Greene St. Area checked. Unable to locate suspect. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (four cars), 3:00 a.m., Speedway, 238 Hancock St. Verbal exchange between friends. Sent on way.

SHOPLIFT (just happened), 1:06 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Arrest made.

ARMED ROBBERY (with firearm), 4:10 p.m., Walgreens, 330 Hancock St. Three males fled. Caller saw the back of the firearm. Suspects fled in a minivan. Report to be filed. Detectives investigating.

MOTOR VEHICLE LARCENY (moped), 4:43 p.m., Fowler St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (fight), 5:07 p.m., Stop & Shop, 495 Southern Arty. All advised and sent on way.

SHOPLIFT (female), 8:36 p.m., Walgreens, 132 Granite St. Suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

MONDAY, NOV. 18

SHOPLIFT (male), 10:38 a.m., Walgreens, 132 Granite St. Suspect fled. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (larceny), 10:41 a.m., 260 block of Centre St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (female shoplift), 12:00 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Suspect fled. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (bike), 12:43 p.m., 90 Intervale St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (copper stolen), 2:49 p.m., Beacon St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (UPS boxes stolen), 5:17 p.m., 220 block of Granite St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (purse), 5:43 p.m., 116 East Howard St. Caller states her purse was stolen out of her apartment while she was away. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (three males), 10:10 p.m., 33 Winter St. Peace restored. Advised.

TUESDAY, NOV. 19

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 8:20 a.m., 100 block of Sims Rd. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 11:37 a.m., Victoria Rd. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (two cars in the past), 1:09 p.m., Sims Rd. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 2:09 p.m., 100 Sims Rd. Several cars broken into overnight. Reports filed.

SHOPLIFT (past), 3:35 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (two males), 4:22 p.m., Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St. Males located on the top floor. Peace restored. Both males issued a trespass notice and sent on the way.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 4:53 p.m., Sims Rd. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (with neighbor), 10:06 p.m., 100 block of Beach St. Dispute over parking. All advised. Caller to call code enforcement in the morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

SHOPLIFT (male), 10:13 a.m., Walgreens, 330 Hancock St. Arrest made.

LARCENY (bicycles), 12:06 p.m., 33 Newport Ave. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (money), 2:22 p.m., 91 Clay St. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 3:53 p.m., 12 Highpoint Cir. Numerous reports filed for similar incidents.

DISORDER (female), 4:23 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Sent on way after trespass notice was issued. Store to handle.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (motor vehicle), 5:08 p.m., 552 Victory Rd. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (money), 5:59 p.m., 30 block of Marlboro St. Report to be filed.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

SHOPLIFT (happened yesterday), 11:58 a.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Report filed.

LARCENY (check), 12:22 p.m., Alltown Check Cashing, 34 School St. Suspect still in store. Civil matter. Both advised and sent on the way.

LARCENY (package), 12:29 p.m., 60 block of Water St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (in progress), 1:12 p.m., BJ's, 200 Crown Colony Dr. Merchandise recovered. Trespass notice issued. Suspect sent on the way. Store to handle.

SHOPLIFT (happened Nov. 17), 1:46 p.m., Walgreens, 132 Granite St. Report filed.

SHOPLIFT (happened Oct. 29), 1:54 p.m., Walgreens, 132 Granite St. Report filed.

SHOPLIFT (watching one), 2:51 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. One under arrest for two outstanding warrants.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY (past), 3:54 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male), 4:45 p.m., Korean Grille, 1429 Hancock St. Stole alcohol. Waved officer down. Unable to locate. Case number provided.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (door and window), 4:46 p.m., Walgreens, 132 Granite St. Report to be filed.

Governor Healey Signs Breast Cancer Screening Bill

Governor Maura Healey has signed An Act Relative to Medically Necessary Breast Screenings and Exams for Equity and Early Detection. This comprehensive legislation will ensure that patients have access to follow-up breast cancer screenings and exams, while also preventing any increase in patient cost-sharing by 2026.

"We know that early detection of breast cancer saves lives. This legislation will help ensure that cost is not a barrier for women to get the screenings and care they need," said Gov. Healey. "I'm grateful to the Legislature for their leadership on this bill, and to the patients, providers and advocates who made their voices heard in support of more affordable and accessible care for Massachusetts residents."

"Preventative care is essential. It helps save countless of lives and now, because of this legislation, patients across Massachusetts will have access to the necessary care they

need at a lower cost," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "We know that this legislation will improve cancer outcomes for so many people across the state."

This legislation would, starting in 2026, require insurers to cover diagnostic exams for breast cancer, digital breast tomosynthesis screening, and medically necessary and appropriate screening with breast MRIs and ultrasounds. This legislation would also prevent any increase in patient cost-sharing, thus removing cost barriers for patients who need more rigorous screenings due to dense breast tissue or abnormalities seen in their initial preventive screening mammograms.

"Today we tear down a barrier to accessing breast cancer screenings and empower our residents to stay ahead of a cancer that takes far too many lives," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "I am grateful to Governor

Healey for her signature, Senator Lovely and Senator Rush for their leadership, our partners in the House, and every advocate who has used the power of their voice to get this issue across the finish line."

"Ensuring that all residents in Massachusetts have access to early detection treatments for breast cancer, regardless of income, is a critical facet of catching cancer early and saving lives. That's why I'm incredibly proud of this legislation, as it will help to prevent vulnerable residents from being denied the care that they need," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Governor Healey for signing this bill into law, along with my colleagues in the Legislature for working hard to move this critical bill through the legislative process."

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OBITUARIES

Mary T. Welch

With heavy hearts and profound love, we celebrate the extraordinary life of Mary Teresa Welch, who passed away on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at the Faulkner Hospital. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, Mary was a shining example of faith, resilience, and elegance.

Born on Oct. 14, 1943, to Thomas Foley and Bridget Quinn in Dorchester, Massachusetts, Mary was raised in the warm embrace of her Irish Catholic roots. She attended Saint Augustine's School, where her lifelong devotion to her faith was nurtured. She lived her life inspired by the Cursillo movement, embodying its principles of love and service.

On May 10th, 1969, Mary married the love of her life, Timothy Welch. Together, they built a beautiful life, raising two daughters, Margaret and the late Christine Welch. The strength Mary displayed in the face of profound loss defined her character, and she found solace in her cherished Pieta prayer group, forming bonds of love and healing that carried her and others through their grief.

Mary was a dedicated professional, building a long and rewarding career at Boston Edison. Known for her quick wit, warm smile, and impeccable style, she was a natural leader and friend who made every colleague feel valued.

Beyond her career, Mary's greatest joy was her family. She shared a deep bond with her twin sister, Helen Foley Bousquet, and carried treasured memories of her siblings Anna and Jackie. Her grandson, Timothy McDonough, was a bright light in her later years, bringing her endless pride and happiness.



MARY T. WELCH

Mary's presence was magnetic; her friendships spanned decades and countless circles, as she left an indelible mark on everyone she met. Whether hosting a gathering or simply sharing a story, she exuded grace, humor, and a deep love for life.

She leaves behind her devoted husband, Timothy Welch; her daughter, Margaret Welch McDonough; her grandson, Timothy McDonough; her twin sister, Helen Foley Bousquet; and a legacy of love and faith that will live on in all who knew her.

Visiting hours were held Friday, Nov. 22, 2024 in the McDonald Keohane Funeral Home North Weymouth at 40 Sea St. A Celebration of Life Service was held in the funeral home on Saturday Nov. 23, 2024 prior to the Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Quincy. Burial in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for a contribution to the Christine Welch Gillis Scholarship Fund at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham MA, 02043. In her honor, let us remember Mary as she would want: proud, radiant, and triumphant, with an unwavering faith in God and the beauty of life.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Harjit I. Thakral, 78

Harjit I. (Sidhu) Thakral, age 78, of Weymouth, died unexpectedly, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024.

Harjit was born in Faridkot, Punjab, India, to the late S. Partap Singh and Smt. Rattan Kaur Sidhu. She was raised and educated in India, where she received her Master's degree in Psychology as well as her nursing degree. She was also a midwife. Harjit immigrated to the United States in 1979, settling in Boston and Quincy. She moved to Weymouth in 1986, where she has resided since.

Harjit was dedicated to her family. Her life was centered on nurturing, caring for, and spending time with her husband, children, and dogs.

She worked as a nurse at Spaulding Rehabilitation Center in Boston for 17 years. She then worked at various nursing homes in the Braintree and Weymouth area. She also worked as a nanny.

Harjit enjoyed volunteering. She volunteered at Tufts Library in Weymouth. Harjit also volunteered at Sacred Heart School in Weymouth Landing, where she served as the school nurse and helped in the cafeteria.

She belonged to the Guru Ram Das Ashram in Millis.

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Devoted mother of Harjit K. Thakral, M.D. of Weymouth, Manu Thakral, Ph.D of Quincy, and Preston P. Thakral, Ph.D of Northampton.

She was one of six siblings and is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was also the proud pet parent of her Havanese dogs, Oscar and the late Stanley.

Visiting Hours were Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Harjit's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at www.stjude.org.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Wreaths Across America Talk At Quincy GOP Meeting

The Quincy Republican City Committee is hosting U.S. Navy veteran Christine Cugini, who currently serves as Quincy director of Veterans Services, at their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy Center.

Cugini will share the story behind her successful advocacy bringing Wreaths Across America to Quincy, inspired by her experience laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

The Wreaths Across America annual event will take place nationwide on Saturday, Dec. 14. In Quincy, a solemn ceremony will be held at Mount Wollaston Cemetery at noon, followed by the laying of wreaths on military graves across the City.

All are welcome to attend the talk at the library. For details or more information, email QuincyMAGOP@gmail.com.



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Marshall James Levy

Marshall James Levy of Milton passed away at his home of 47 years on Nov. 15th after a valiant four-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Loving, kind, compassionate and spirited, Marshall was very devoted to his family, friends, church and the Milton community. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.



MARSHALL JAMES LEVY

Marshall is survived by his loving soulmate Barbara (Mantica) Levy of 54 years, his cherished children Stephanie Stairs and husband Richard of Tamarac, FL and his son Philip Levy and his wife Grace Ann of Fuquay Varina, NC. Marshall was the very proud and loving grandfather of Marshall Stairs, Emily, Oliver and Rachel Levy and step-grandchildren Timothy and Tyler; brother-in-law Robert Mantica of Newburgh, NY; sister-in-law Sarah Mantica of Poughkeepsie, NY; nieces Jacqueline Stabile and her family of Needham, MA, Abigail Bailey and her family of Troy, NY, and his nephew Benjamin Mantica and his family of Pittsburgh, PA; as well as, Marshall's lifetime friend Arthur Grofsky and his family of Los Angeles, CA.

Born in Los Angeles, CA, Marshall earned his Bachelor's Degree from California State University at Northridge and his Master's Degree from the University of Guam where he and Barbara taught for two years. During those two years, Marshall not only taught school, but also coached the champion Guam soccer team. While in Guam, Marshall also initiated and directed the first summer recreational and instructional program.

After Guam, Marshall and Barbara returned to Milton, at which time Marshall taught at the Squantum School in Quincy for 12 years, followed by 30 years at the Winn Brook School in Belmont. In addition, Marshall tutored at the Norfolk Prison for many years. Warm, creative, patient and inspirational Marshall possessed the unique talent and insight to connect with his students regardless of their ability.

During his time as a classroom teacher Marshall was noted for his eclectic assortment of themed ties that delighted his students. Beyond his classroom experience Marshall was trained as a consultant for National Geographic. In this capacity, Marshall instructed

fellow teachers in Global Education and traveled to England, Scotland, Wales, China, Japan and Canada, as well as, to many U.S. states. Marshall received many accolades which included an Award for Excellence from the Massachusetts Council of Social Studies as Global Educational Teacher of the Year.

Marshall's interests and his commitment to furthering the wellbeing of those in need motivated Marshall to go beyond the boundaries of the classroom and educational experiences. Marshall also served his community in many arenas. As an Eagle Scout mentor, Marshall touched many lives and was honored for his service by being inducted into the coveted Order of the Arrow, the highest honor in scouting. A former Jaycee, Marshall was active in the Milton Council on Aging where he was a member of the Board of Directors, Ukelele group and loyal and enthusiastic participant in fundraisers and events. His love of books motivated him to be a dedicated volunteer at the Milton Public Library. A cherished and respected member of the First Congregational Church, Marshall was on the Membership Board and the Board of Benevolence. He was recently honored as the Church's 2024 volunteer of the year.

A Renaissance man, Marshall displayed a zest for life that was reflected in his many interests: gardening, antiquing, attending lectures, concerts, plays, movies, visiting museums and libraries, traveling and hiking with his good friend Bill Mullen.

A celebration of Marshall's life will be held on Dec. 7, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Milton. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marshall's memory to the First Congregational Church of Milton, 495 Canton Ave., Milton, MA 02186 and the Milton Council of Aging, 10 Walnut St., Milton, MA 02186.

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Teamsters Local 122 Responds To Article On School Bus Transportation Issues

This paper recently carried an article (School Bus Transportation Issues Being Worked Out Sept. 19, 2024) on a report by Quincy Schools Superintendent Kevin Mulvey about the shortage of school bus drivers and the School Department's efforts to maintain service by employing an outside contractor to cover the shortfall.

What the Superintendent neglected to mention was one of the major reasons for the shortage of school bus drivers in the Quincy School District, namely, the District's refusal to reach a fair agreement with its current drivers. The District has a hard core of 25-30 drivers who have continued to work to provide safe and reliable transportation for Quincy School students through economic downturns and the pandemic. These drivers are largely senior and female and they take great pride in their work, are concerned for the safety of their passengers and are committed to serving the students, their parents and the community.

More than 20 years ago when Quincy faced a similar shortage of drivers, the School Committee made an agreement with the drivers union to switch to a 40.5 hour work week which enabled the School Department to cover all of its mid-day transportation requests. This agreement provided a major change in the economic pay for school bus drivers. This was the most significant reason for those twenty years that Quincy was able to withstand the reduction of commercial drivers license (CDL) school bus drivers in Massachusetts. The pandemic, as the Superintendent said in his report to the School Committee, led to an exodus of a number of drivers which greatly increased the burden on the School Department and its remaining drivers. Like Quincy, many school districts in the Commonwealth faced identical

situations – fewer drivers to cover transportation routes.

Against this background, the drivers union, Teamsters Local 122, and the School Department commenced bargaining for a new contract in July 2022. The Union made a number of economic proposals to increase the wages of Quincy school bus drivers while maintaining the 40.5 hour work guarantee. In September 2022, the Quincy School Committee proposed to reduce the 40.5 hour guarantee to a 30 hour guarantee. Although the District's proposal increased hourly rates to compensate for the severe reduction, its proposal did not offer any substantial increase in pay, eliminated time-and-a-half for what had previously been overtime work, and stripped the drivers of much of their retirement and health care. At the same time, the School Department proposed to pay new, part-time drivers at a significantly higher hourly rate than the senior, long term, fulltime drivers, claiming that such a higher rate was necessary to attract additional drivers. This proposal effectively sacrificed the interests of the loyal, long-term drivers for the possibility of hiring new drivers.

Despite these issues and the many proposals advanced by the union in bargaining, the School Department adamantly refused to alter its proposal, including its proposal to reduce the drivers weekly guarantee.

As provided by Massachusetts law, the continuing failure of the parties to reach a negotiated settlement led to mediation and fact-finding. After testimony offered by the drivers at the fact-finding hearing, the School District finally recognized that its reduction in the guarantee reduced the drivers' retirement credits. In fact, the neutral fact-finder issued a decision that rejected the School District's reduction in the

guarantee precisely because it adversely affected the drivers' retirement benefits.

Only after the decision issued rejecting its proposal did the School District make a change, not to return to the long standing 40.5-hour guarantee but only to increase its proposed guarantee to 35 hours which it claimed would restore the drivers' retirement benefits. The revised proposal did nothing to address the problems with pay rates, pay for work in excess of 35 hours or other issues created by the reduction in the guarantee.

Moreover, the School Committee's proposal to pay new drivers a higher hourly wage means that new drivers would earn more than current bus route drivers.

So why has the School Department taken such a hard line towards its current drivers? These drivers are dedicated to the children of Quincy. They show up on time. They drive their routes safely and reliably. They are beloved by parents and children alike.

Yet during testimony at the fact-finding hearing, the School District's chief financial officer was questioned about the impact of its proposal on the current school bus drivers. He was asked whether the proposal would eliminate all extra work opportunities for its current bus route drivers, work opportunities the drivers have relied on for years. He admitted that "yes, it would."

It's clear that the long-term impact of the School Department proposal will have this consequence and lead the current drivers to seek work elsewhere, eventually leading to the complete replacement of the current bus drivers.

John F. Murphy
Secretary-Treasurer (Teamsters Local 122)

Breast Cancer Screening Bill

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is absolutely vital for the long-term success of the patients. We also know that for one out of every ten women, initial mammogram screenings are not sufficient to detect possible indicators of breast cancer. This legislation signed into law by Governor Healey today ensures that all women in the Commonwealth have access to the digital breast tomosynthesis and MRI screening they need to catch cancer early, without facing financial barriers. I'm grateful to the Governor, Senator Lovely and Chairman Murphy, and Division Leader Balser for championing this issue with me, and to my legislative colleagues, particularly President Spilka and Speaker Mariano for their support. Finally, I thank the

dozens of advocates and patients who shared their stories and pushed tirelessly to support women in the fight against breast cancer," said Sen. Mike Rush (D-West Roxbury).

"This bill will save lives," said Rep. James Murphy (D-Weymouth). "Breast cancer is a major cause of cancer related deaths among women and everything must be done to change this. This groundbreaking legislation will provide life saving health care for women throughout our Commonwealth."

"Today is the culmination of work I have done for nearly a decade to ensure that all women have access to necessary, and possibly lifesaving, breast cancer screenings," said Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem). "Early

detection of breast cancer saves lives. This legislation makes those diagnostic exams used for early detection accessible and affordable, giving women the vital resources needed to catch breast cancer in its earliest stages. Thank you to Gov. Healey for signing this bill into law and bolstering the Commonwealth's commitment to providing higher quality, more equitable, and more accessible healthcare for women."

"This legislation will ensure that women have access to essential breast cancer screenings and diagnostic evaluations by eliminating significant financial barriers. Once again, Massachusetts has stepped up to ensure that women's health care needs are met," said Rep. Ruth Balser (D-Newton).



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Request for Proposals (RFP)

"Lease/Operation of Food and Beverage Service at Furnace Brook Golf Course"

City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts

Notice

DUE: December 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Department of Natural Resources, is soliciting proposals to lease / operate the food and beverage service at the Furnace Brook Golf Course in Quincy. The City of Quincy controls the Furnace Brook Golf Course located at 20 Reservoir Road in Quincy, MA. Furnace Brook is a nine-hole public golf course. A brand-new clubhouse is being constructed which will open in January/February 2025.

The approved Proposer shall operate a facility as described in the specifications. The Vendor shall be granted the right to sell at retail and serve at the Furnace Brook Golf Club and premises hot and cold food and beverages (including wine, beer, malt beverages and liquor, in individual servings) during the Life of the Contract; the period beginning on February 1, 2025. The Vendor shall be granted the right to use the kitchen, kitchen equipment, counters, tables and chairs located at the facility. The Vendor will prepare and sell food and beverages on the premises solely for the purpose of the golf course concession.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.**

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until December 6, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy Department of Natural Resources shall determine the selected proposer. The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the RFP; to reject any and all proposals; and to accept any proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
David Murphy, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

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raised about the height of the building, nine units need to be included in order for it to be financially viable.

"In order to make this financially viable and to create a residential building as opposed to just selling or

renting to another garage, I need to get the nine units. That's a financial reality that I'm dealing with," Tocchio said.

During his presentation, Tocchio compared the height of the proposed building to two others at the same intersection. He said the home at 160 Franklin St. contains a cupola that is 39 feet, 7 inches tall, and the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals at 1 Independence Ave. has a main ridge that is 38 feet, 11 inches tall and a spire that is 42 feet, 8 inches tall.

"They establish a certain mass at that intersection that we don't believe we are inconsistent with," he said.

As part of the project, Tocchio said that O'Connell planned to rebuild the sidewalks so they would have a brick strip along the edge

and street trees would be planted. Tocchio said the developer has also had conversations about moving utility lines underground; one pole would have to be replaced because it is located where the entrance to the parking area would be.

Following the applicant's presentation, board member Alie Shaughnessy said he liked the new proposal.

"I think it's beautiful. I've got to tell you I'm really happy and surprised because when I first saw this when it was proposed a while ago, I was thinking 'it's a duck, it's a duck, it's a duck, it doesn't really change much.' This has changed, in my eyes, tremendously," Shaughnessy said. "I think it's really good looking, except for that utility pole."

Board member Larry

Liuzzo said he anticipated residents would still be concerned about the height of the building. Liuzzo said he wanted to push back against the comparisons to other buildings that Tocchio had made.

"I appreciate you pointing out surrounding buildings that might have the same height at a certain point. I would push back on that a bit. Standing in plenty of lines at Sweeney Brothers, it doesn't feel like I'm dwarfed next to that building. That setback is totally different. Even 160 Franklin, again I appreciate it might be a similar height, but what's the setback?" Liuzzo said. "This project is right on the street."

Kimberly Bielan, the board's chairperson, asked Tocchio how tall the elevator headhouse on the roof would be. Tocchio said the plans did not show the height of the headhouse.

Two residents spoke in favor of the proposal during

the public hearing.

Cindy Brandi, a resident of Independence Avenue who had spoken against the previous proposal for the site, said she was in favor of the new plan.

"I do not object to this one. Yes, it's big, but it's much nicer than what we've got there. They paid attention to a lot of the feedback, I feel, from the city," Brandi said. "Since I've said no sometimes, I thought it was important to standup and say I think it's okay."

Bielan asked Brandi why she was in favor of the new proposal after opposing the first one. Brandi said she liked the changes the applicant made, including switching the brick exterior to hardy board and pulling back the front entrance.

"Would I like it to be a lot smaller and five-foot setbacks? Of course I would, but economic realities are such that I'd rather that than the gas station that we currently have that is an eye-

sore," Brandi added.

Also supporting the proposal was James Dunn, a Babcock Street resident. The new building will be an improvement over the auto shop, he said.

"I think it's a beautiful illustration and Mr. O'Connell will build that, because I know you've seen people show you this and you end up with something else," Dunn said. "He will build this - if anything, it will look better than that - I know from his track record."

Others who spoke said the building remained too big.

Richard Sweeney Jr., owner of the funeral home across the street, said he took exception to comparison of that building's height and the height of the proposed building. Sweeney said a three-story building would be more appropriate at 10 Independence Ave. than what is being proposed.

"Three stories, six units - or a mixture of smaller units - and standard setbacks are not unreasonable requests for those who live and work in this neighborhood. Any benefit of the doubt should lean toward the neighborhood," Sweeney said.

"I would like to say that this development company is one of the best, that they have a proven track record, and no one can dispute the fine work that they have done throughout this city.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. NO24P3052EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200
Estate of:
Janet P. Mullins
Date of Death:
10/22/2019

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Jennifer Keane of Quincy, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Jennifer Keane of Quincy, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 12/11/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 7, 2024
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-54

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Quincy Housing Authority Developments Corporation for a Variance and Special Permit/FPOD to construct two/eight unit residential buildings in a currently undeveloped lot for a total of sixteen new affordable residential units in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements, 4.1.2.2 Special Permit and 5.1.4 Parking Setbacks on the premises numbered 0 Bicknell Street, Quincy.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-60

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of John J. Lyons for a Variance to demolish the existing structure down to the foundation and reconstruct a single family dwelling on the same foundation, increasing from one and half stories to three stories in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements on the premises numbered 260 Bellevue Road, Quincy.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-72

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Greg Deering for a Variance to enclose and change the use of both the porch on the left of the dwelling as well as the front porch to extend the living space in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements on the premises numbered 1457 Furnace Brook Parkway, Quincy.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-75

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Kathryn Andrade for a Variance to extend the existing driveway in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 5.1.4 Paving/Parking on the premises numbered 85-87 South Street, Quincy, MA.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-79

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Ever8 Properties, LLC for a Variance to subdivide the parcel, construct a two-family dwelling on one parcel while retaining the existing 5-unit structure on the second parcel in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements and 5.1.8 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements and 5.1.14 Paving Permit on the premises numbered 23 Claremont Avenue, Quincy.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-81

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Manuel Paiva for a Variance to construct a new 3 bedroom dwelling with attached 2 car garage then demolish the existing dwelling in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Regulations on the premises numbered 10 Saint Germain Street, Quincy.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

11/21/24, 11/27/24

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. NO24C0391CA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200
In the Matter of:
Aleja Begum

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Aleja Begum of Quincy, MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Aleja Begum Marshall
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Norfolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/26/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 19, 2024
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

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But I would propose to Attorney Tocchio and his team that there is still much room for compromise and negotiation to make this project appealing and acceptable to all in this historic section of Quincy."

Marianne Peak, the superintendent of the Adams

National Historical Park, likewise said a three-story building would be preferable.

"Consider revisiting the project to accommodate a three-story structure with simpler architectural lines that blend into the surrounding community, the neighborhood, and the national

historic landmark," Peak said, adding the developer should consider having studio or one-bedroom units in the building, instead of two-bedroom ones, or placing some of the units on the ground floor.

If a smaller building were not feasible, Peak suggested the city could acquire

the property and preserve it as open space.

Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash, who has hosted a total of three community meetings to review the original proposal for the site and the new one, said residents had expected the new proposal to be smaller than what had been put forward

earlier this year.

"I enjoy this design. I think Attorney Tocchio and Mr. O'Connell and their team really did address a number of the issues, and I can certainly appreciate the mansard roof, the design, the visual aspect of it," Ash said. "Unfortunately, the residents still think it's just

too tall."

"I really do want to commend the team," Ash added, "the owners, developers, attorneys. To come back with a proposal that addresses 80 percent, 90 percent, of the issues that the residents had is commendable. They're easy to work, with a great team."

Quincy Celebrates The Mysterious Feast of Thanksgiving

By MARIE DENISE FABIEN

Shalom, peace, and happy Thanksgiving to all in Quincy and the World: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good; His Mercy endures forever" (Psalm). Thanksgiving is a wonderful and mysterious celebration that started in America. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated at different times in many countries. In Canada, for instance, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the 2nd Monday in October, while in Haiti, it is on Jan. 2nd. On that occasion, many Haitians drink squash soup and eat turkey, rice and beans, fried plantains, and other exotic national dishes to commemorate the event. They also take part in church ceremonies called Te Deum. Haitians remember the founding founders on that day. Thanksgiving is a mysterious feast that enables those who celebrate it to enter God's Kingdom in heaven while still on earth: "Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4). It is a feast of joy, gratitude, and praise to God (Psalm 95:2).

One of my greatest Thanksgiving memories happened overseas. About 10 years ago, I had the privilege to travel to Russia with Grace L'Or who had just turned six. My mom wanted to walk in Red Square and look at St. Basil's Church. The three of us arrived at the airport in Moscow where we received a warm welcome from the authorities. Grace L'Or was very outspoken and introduced us stating: "I am American. I travel with my mother and my grandmother. They are both Haitians." As the Russian official took our passports, he looked at Mom and me, smiled, and said, "Welcome! Bonjour! As for you little American, we are watching you." He also added, "We know about your beautiful country. We often travel to the Eastern part of the magnificent island of Hispaniola that Haiti shares with the Dominican Republic. We went to the warm beaches of the D.R. "As we continued with our stay in Moscow, we noticed that on TV, they were repeatedly showing some scenes of a Thanksgiving celebration that was taking place in Boston. The celebrants were filmed from their arrival at Boston Logan Airport until their Thanksgiving family dinner. The footage depicted a joyful and lavish meal shared by friends and family in a suburb of Boston. It seemed as if life in America and Boston was heavenly. All the participants at the Thanksgiving celebration were so happy. America looked like a place with joy, peace, and abundant food.

The first celebration of Thanksgiving in America happened in 1621. The Pilgrims, settlers from England, arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on a boat named the Mayflower. The Pilgrims gathered that year with the natives of the land at Wampanoag, Massachusetts, to share a meal during the autumn harvest. According to historians, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that the Thanksgiving celebration would happen on the 4th Thursday of November of each year. No one knows the dishes that were prepared for the first Thanksgiving. Since the Mayflower did not have an oven, it is more likely they did not have a stuffed turkey and pies. Although the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving meal featured popcorn and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, today's Thanksgiving meal is completely different. Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, apple or pumpkin pies, and mashed potatoes. Green beans are currently the main course of the meal.

Thanksgiving in Quincy is a great opportunity for family and friends to gather and share a meal. Several churches and humanitarian organizations offer a Thanksgiving meal to those in need. On Thanksgiving, we usually receive several turkeys from friends who drop them on our porches. We prepare and share them with neighbors and friends who otherwise would not have a turkey meal. In some cases, we bring the meal to those who cannot leave their homes. For many, the tradition is to watch football after the meal. A great celebration of the coming of Santa happens on Saturday at Pageant Field followed by the Christmas Parade. Thanksgiving is a feast for all to celebrate. Whether you are Catholic, Protestant, Indus, Buddhist, Baha'i, Jew, or Muslim, there are great benefits for all. You will be surprised to see the great turnaround and the exceeding blessings you

receive as you give thanks. Suddenly, worry vanishes from your everyday life. You experience shalom, peace and rest.

The word Thanksgiving derives from the Greek word Eucharist which is translated in English as Thanksgiving. On the eve of his crucifixion 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ had a meal with His disciples. The meal is called the Last Supper. The Eucharist, the sacrament of Thanksgiving in the Catholic Church, is a food Jesus shared with the disciples during the Last Supper. He commanded them to partake of that food in His memory. The Eucharist is a mysterious meal in which, through transubstantiation, Catholics believe that bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Christ. Christians also believe that partaking in the Thanksgiving meal empowers them to receive forgiveness of sins, healing restoration, victory, and many blessings. The Thanksgiving celebration is a mystery. Therefore, enter God's Kingdom "give thanks to the Lord for He is good His Mercy endures forever." (Psalm 136:1).

I urge everyone to say thanks to God daily, write a gratitude journal, and see door opening: debt cancelation, peace in their family, promotion, breakthrough, shame turned to fame, lack turned to abundance, fear turned to faith, trials turned to triumph, hate turned to love, and worry turned to glory. "Don't worry about anything ... instead pray... give thanks to God" (Philippians 4: 6-7). We give thanks and pray for the shalom, peace, and wholeness of Quincy. In a world, where so many countries are suffering from violence and war, especially in my native country Haiti, in Ukraine, Burma, South Sudan, Israel, Gaza, the Middle East, and all parts of the world affected by unrest. We pray and believe in the restoration of Haiti and peace worldwide.

While in America it is the feast of Thanksgiving, many are suffering. Many are in tears especially those who mourn and are lonely. Those who are refugees without paper, those who are homeless, etc. There is no Haitian who would like to leave Haiti for good. Today airports are closed in Haiti. Yet, it is written: "Those who saw in tears will reap rejoicing" (Psalm 126:5). We Haitians come from a paradise island. I believe restoration is coming so that Haitians can enjoy our paradise island. Pray for the leaders to have wisdom and work for peace, in America and the world. In this season, as we give thanks, we declare and decree that all who

have tears in their eyes, your tears will be wiped out, and "your mourning will change into dancing" (Psalm 30:11). "And God will give you beauty for ashes" (Isaiah 61:3). I declare and decree that there will be new connections leading to marriage and reconciliation. New door openings, promotions, and contracts will be signed, many will experience healing. I declare and decree there will be new billionaires coming from Quincy and a future Elon Musk, a future Mother Teresa, and a third American President as my mom Tita prophesized. People will rest.

We give thanks to God for all that He did for us and what He will do for us. We give thanks to our family, our children our friends, and our neighbors. I give special thanks to all those who serve us, the first responders, the teachers, the hospital workers, and those who deliver food and other items (Door dash, Uber.) I give thanks for the extraordinary woman who brought me to Quincy. A woman with whom I arrived in Quincy after we missed the bus and entered the city with just a bag in my hand, a woman who is unlike anyone. A woman of faith who taught me to rejoice and give thanks. A woman who is a trailblazer, a world changer, a woman who is a pillar behind the St. Yves School in Haiti that welcomes 500 children. A woman of faith who taught me to trust in the Lord and to always invite His presence in me. The one who commanded me to settle in this city not knowing that the Lord would make her an eternal resident of Quincy. This woman is Pierre Marie Jean, known mainly as Tita Jean Fabien. "Eyes had not seen, hears has not heard what God has ready" for the people of Quincy. We give thanks to all those who welcomed us in Quincy, especially the benefactors of St. Yves School in Haiti and all those generous donors who cherish us so much. Not a week passes without an anonymous or identified donor leaving bags of food, clothing, and even money on my porch. We thank God for the pastors in Quincy and the priests who celebrate the Thanksgiving meal. (Sacred Heart, St. John, St. Joseph Quincy to share the good news and the world, especially QATV Joh, Mark, Mike, Ryan, Chris, Joe, Carroll. Thanks to Bob Bosworth and the Quincy Sun.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Enter God's kingdom, cry out Alleluia! Celebrate! Shalom Peace, St. Yves School Haiti.

ForsythKids Mobile Dental Program Expands In Quincy

ForsythKids, a mobile dental program bringing care to underserved communities, is expanding its school-based program in Quincy, thanks to support from Delta Dental of Massachusetts, the leading dental benefits administrator in the state. With over a century of service to the community, ForsythKids is led by the nonprofit ADA Forsyth Institute (AFI), the world's leader in innovative oral health research with a mission to promote oral health education and accessible care through community programs.

ForsythKids recently Quincy's Rosemary & Archie Wahlberg Head Start Early Learning Center to provide oral care to children. Thanks to a generous contribution from Delta Dental of Massachusetts, ForsythKids can now expand its offering to more children and send more staff to future visits in Quincy for the 2024-25 school year.

Through their highly efficient operations, the ADA Forsyth Institute maximizes support to deliver a profound impact, using every additional dollar to provide additional dental examinations, cleanings, sealants, and fluoride varnish to students who otherwise wouldn't have them. The program also provides each student with toothpaste, toothbrushes, oral hygiene instruction, and referrals to community dentists as needed.

Providing oral health education and care has been vital to AFI's mission since 1914, when the organization began providing care to children in Boston's lower-income areas. As one of the first dental infirmaries in the world dedicated to children, AFI has treated nearly 750,000 children using scientific knowledge to improve public health. AFI continues to identify community outreach as a core part of its mission.

"Oral care from an early age is crucial to building

healthy habits and avoiding disease later in life," said Megan Pugach-Gordon, Director of ForsythKids. "We are grateful for Delta Dental of Massachusetts' support in promoting oral care and assisting us with reaching underserved communities."

ForsythKids has been working with kids in Quincy since 2021, establishing a relationship with the Head Start program. Many children in the Quincy community need support. Over 47 percent of pre-K children in the community are identified as experiencing economic hardship, and 72.6% are identified as high needs, according to a 2023-24 school year report by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

ForsythKids treated about 2,600 kids during the 2023-24 school year. Thanks to generous contributions such as Delta Dental of Massachusetts' funding, as well as from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, ForsythKids can provide care, free of charge to families without insurance coverage.

"Ensuring that all residents have access to quality medical care is one of the fundamental responsibilities of working in public service, a responsibility that is especially important when it comes to caring for vulnerable children. That's why I'm incredibly proud of the House's support for the ForsythKids program in past budgets, and why I am thrilled that the program will be expanding in my home city of Quincy," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank the folks at ForsythKids, Delta Dental of Massachusetts and at the Quincy's Rosemary & Archie Wahlberg Head Start Early Learning Center for the work that they continue to do for children in the Commonwealth."

SUN FUN PAGES

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Newt
4 Former Delta rival
7 Very dry
11 Bjorn of tennis fame
13 Documentarian Burns
14 Portrayal
15 Afrikaner
16 Fire sign?
17 Pinnacle
18 Lieu
20 Trumpet
22 Actress
23 Vardalos
24 Trite
28 Basking venue
32 Skiing spot
33 Twistable treat
34 TV's Danson
36 Autobahn auto
37 Open-mouthed
39 Swiss cheese
41 Wards off
43 Resort
44 Pleasing
46 Batter's dry spell
- 50 Spiced tea
53 Vitamin stat
55 Bangkok cuisine
56 Hayloft site
57 Whatever
58 Christmas
59 Unforeseen problem
60 Skillet
61 Chart-topping song
- 21 "Kidnapped" monogram
23 Play part
25 Aspiration
26 Mimic
27 Prefix with conference
28 Fly high
29 Incite
30 Tide type
31 Small barrel
35 Hosp. workers
38 Football's Manning
40 Boom times
42 Discard
45 — St. Vincent Millay
47 "Nope!"
48 Algeria's neighbor
49 Artist Mondrian
50 "CSI" ailer
51 Solo in space
52 Altar constellation
54 Novelist Rand
- DOWN
1 Recedes
2 Shoe insert
3 Shade provider
4 — la-la
5 Desire
6 Sneeze sound
7 Basis for repeat purchases
8 Sinbad's bird
9 City on the Danube
10 Golf peg
12 Banner at a new store
19 Conk out



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MAGIC MAZE ● YELLOWSTONE

U H E C Z X U S S S E V L O W
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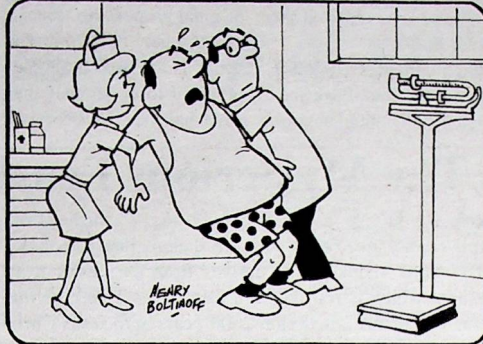
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: WILD CANINES

Black bears Elk Mud pots Waterfalls
Buffalo Geysers Old Faithful Wildfires
Canyons Lakes Pronghorn Wyoming
Earthquakes Moose Rangers

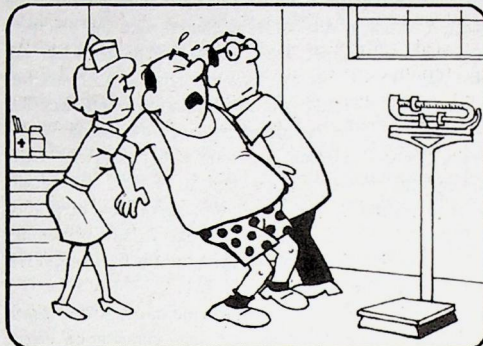
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Scale is shorter. 3. Nurse's foot is shorter. 4. Cabinet is not as wide. 5. Window is smaller. 6. Sock is shorter.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which country would you find the Angkor Wat temple?
2. SCIENCE: Which vitamin aids in blood clotting?
3. MUSIC: Which pop music icon has a Pantone color named after him?
4. TELEVISION: Which 1990s TV comedy series features the theme song "Cleveland Rocks"?
5. U.S. STATES: Which state is last alphabetically?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is an adult female turkey called?
7. MOVIES: Which popular 1994 movie features a character named Red?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which company's advertising slogan is "Like a Good Neighbor"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How long is the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade route?
10. ANATOMY: What are beta cells?

Answers

1. Cambodia.
2. Vitamin K.
3. Prince ("Love Symbol #2," a purple shade).
4. "The Drew Carey Show."
5. Wyoming.
6. A hen.
7. "The Shawshank Redemption."
8. State Farm.
9. 2.5 miles.
10. Specialized cells in the pancreas that produce insulin.

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Wishing Well®

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N L E C D C C T E H S E S

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters throughout the week, then shift your focus to more artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have a lot of work throughout the first half of the week. Devote the rest of the week to checking your plans in case some need to be adjusted.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted line during the early part of the week. You

need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. The latter part of the week might be more favorable for decision-making.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for, to deal with problems before they get too far out of hand.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use your sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer" so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A shift in your planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving a long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer valuable support.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected demand for the settlement of an old loan could create some preholiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get involved with your social circle. Enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to sense the needs of others makes you a wise counselor for those seeking help with their problems.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

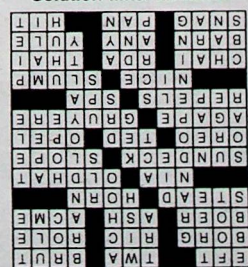
Clue: K equals L

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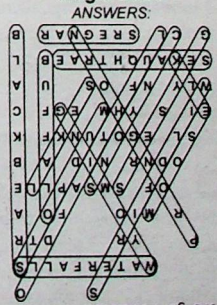
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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



Magic Maze ANSWERS:



HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — “Spider-Man” meets “Elvis”? Tom Holland will hit theaters in “Spider-Man 4” in 2026, but before then, he’ll co-star with Austin Butler in “American Speed.” The film’s about two reckless race-driving brothers who are involved in drug smuggling, tax evasion and money laundering. Holland’s also cast in director Christopher Nolan’s upcoming untitled film, opposite Matt Damon. Meanwhile, on Sept. 5, Butler started shooting Darren Aronofsky’s crime thriller “Caught Stealing,” co-starring Zoé Kravitz, Regina King, Matt Smith and Liev Schreiber.

Then there are the dueling Brando films! The first will star Academy Award nominee Matt Dillon (“Crash”), who’ll play Marlon Brando during 1972’s “Last Tango in Paris.” The film, based on Vanessa Schneider’s book “My Cousin Maria Schneider: A Memoir,” is about Maria Schneider, who was at the center of the scandal and controversy surrounding a certain sexual scene involving butter. The book details the trauma she suffered because of it and how it shaped the rest of her life. She knew nothing about the sex scene until moments before it was to be shot. She died of cancer in 2011 at 58. The second Brando film stars Billy Zane (of “The Phantom” and “Titanic”), a ringer for Brando. Titled “Waltzing with Brando,” it will be based on the book “Waltzing with Brando: Planning a Paradise in Tahiti.” It co-stars Jon Heder, Richard

Dreyfuss and Tia Carrere.

George Clooney made his mark in eight episodes of “E/R” and the TV series “The Facts of Life” in 1985. He went on to receive eight Oscar nominations (winning two) and four Golden Globes. Now he’s taking on Broadway in a stage version of his 2005 hit film “Goodnight, and Good Luck,” written by his longtime producing partner Grant Heslov. The story follows Edward R. Murrow as he exposes Senator Joseph McCarthy’s anti-communist witch hunt. The original film cost \$7 million while grossing \$54.6 million. The show opens on April 3, 2025, at the Winter Garden Theatre, which just ran the musical “Back to the Future.” How appropriate!

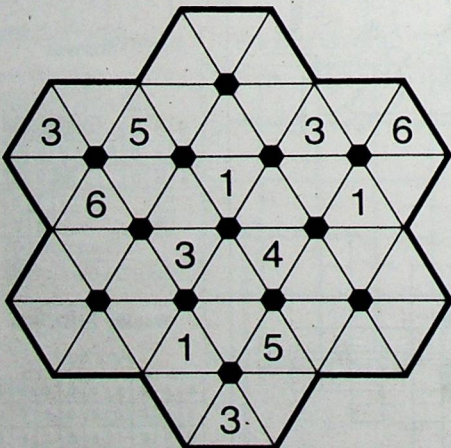
Tom Cruise is developing a sequel to “Top Gun: Maverick,” as well as “Days of Thunder” (1990). Despite suddenly moving from Paramount Pictures to Warner Bros. this year, his plans would necessitate returning to Paramount to produce and star in these two films, since they own the rights to them. While it’s no big surprise he wants to make the sequel to “Maverick” (which made \$1.496 billion), “Days of Thunder” cost \$60 million to make and only grossed \$157 million. Maybe Cruise wants to recapture happier times with Nicole Kidman when they made their first film together. It’s not likely Kidman would return for a sequel, so it may be difficult for him to recapture his days of thunder!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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×		-		×		
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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Fantasy Furniture — “Fantasy furniture” usually refers to postmodern pieces with whimsical shapes and unusual colors made from unexpected materials. Like many furniture styles, it’s older than you might expect. Furniture has been made in fanciful shapes for hundreds of years; with animals being a favorite element. While the name “fantasy furniture” may imply mythical animals like dragons or griffins — and you can certainly see them in furniture and decorative arts — representations of real-life animals count, too.

Black Forest furniture with elements carved to look like realistic bears are fantasy furniture. So are Italian grotto chairs with backs shaped like enormous scallop shells. And so are pieces made to look like a whole animal, like this 19th-century carved walnut chair that Fontaine’s Auction Gallery described as an “ostrich-form fantasy chair.” It sold for \$3,276. Its decorations aren’t limited to its legs or back; it’s complete with an outstretched wing for a back, the head and tail as asymmetrical arms, a feathery body with a folded wing for the seat and bird legs carved into the base.

Q: I recently had my 1956 Gibson guitar authenticated as original with original finish from the Gibson company. It has the original Gibson finish and I was told the wood includes spruce and mahogany. I was curious about its value and also wondered what avenues I could use if I would like to eventually sell. Can you assist me with suggestions?

A: The best way to find the value of a vintage or antique instrument is to take

it to a local store that sells used musical instruments. Look up prices and get multiple opinions before you sell! Gibson guitars can be worth a lot of money. We have seen them sell from about \$500 to several thousand dollars, depending on the model and condition. Gibson does not buy or appraise vintage guitars, but their website, gibson.com, has a tool to help you find dealers in your area. They recommend Carter Vintage Guitars (cartervintage.com) for appraisals.

TIP: Cover scratches on dark cherry or mahogany furniture by rubbing them with a bit of cotton dipped in iodine. Scratches on lighter woods can be covered by rubbing with a solution of equal parts iodine and alcohol.

CURRENT PRICES

• Planters Peanuts, jar, lid, barrel shape, embossed, Mr. Peanut, etched name on lid, peanut finial, 12 1/2 inches, \$75.

• Lamp, sconce two-light, gilt bronze, mirror back, rectangular, pierced frame, urn shape crest, two dolphin supports, scrolled arms, 19th century, 22 x 8 inches, pair, \$160.

• Toy, car, racing, Super Hot Rod, open top driver, red, yellow, light blue, flashing lights, battery operated, friction, box, Marx, 1950s, 11 1/2 x 4 x 5 inches, \$250.

• Sewing, pincushion, Iroquois, figural, bird, multi-color beadwork, early 20th century, 6 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches, pair, \$375.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Using the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, can you create a three-digit number and a two-digit number that, when multiplied, will give you the smallest possible result with that set?

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Strange BUT TRUE

• As part of David Hasselhoff’s divorce settlement, he kept possession of the nickname “Hoff” and the catchphrase “Don’t Hassle the Hoff.”

• The fuller your refrigerator, the more energy-efficient it is.

• Dr. Seuss coined the word “nerd.” The term originated in the 1950 book “If I Ran the Zoo.” The sentence goes: “And then, just to show them, I’ll sail to Ka-Troo. And bring back an IT-KUTCH, a PREEP and a PROO, a NERKLE, NERD, and a SEERSUCKER, too!”

• Nobel Prize winner Niels Bohr was given a perpetual supply of beer piped into his house.

• Between 1848 and 1850, the population of San Francisco grew from 900 to 35,000 people thanks to the Gold Rush.

• During his World War II service, LBJ was due to fly in the observation seat of the B-26 bomber Wabash Cannonball.

However, he was replaced when he had to go to the toilet before takeoff. The Wabash Cannonball was shot down during that flight over New Guinea with no survivors.

• A Chinese millionaire sold canned air to people on the streets to raise awareness of air pollution and then donated the money to charity.

• Newborn babies can only see in black and white for a few months.

• Seventy percent of the dirt on your clothes is invisible.

• In “The Empire Strikes Back,” an extra can be seen running with what appears to be an ice cream maker. The character became legendary among fans, and was eventually given a name (Willow Hood) and a backstory.

• Some scientists believe that dogs can tell when you’re coming home by how much of your scent is left in the house.

Thought for the Day: “I figure if a girl wants to be a legend, she should just go ahead and be one.” — Calamity Jane

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Now here’s a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• “Digital picture books are very easy to make these days, and they make great gifts. But here’s a way we use our digital photos to keep the kids engaged at our family gatherings. Each family prints out a selection of photos. We let the kids make their own books using half sheets of paper, glue and markers. They design frames, etc. After they have several pages done, we tie them together and make a cover of heavy card-stock. It’s a great take-home craft, a special souvenir for visitors, and it gets them talking about family moments.” — R.E. in Alabama

• Want to mix it up a bit with your traditional chocolate chip cookies? Try rolling them in different types of chopped nuts or sprinkles. Even crushed pretzels are really good. Or change the flavor of the chip. Add minced dried fruit, quick oats or other seeds for a change of taste. Melt chocolate chips and dip one side in it, then let dry on waxed paper. Endless possibilities!

bilities!

• At a loss of what to do with Christmas cards from years past? Why not try making a wreath? Cut out a large ring from a cardboard box or other sturdy material. Arrange cards at different angles around the circle. Add holiday picks and ribbon or a bow for depth.

• Having a holiday party? Put foods and drinks in separate areas, as these are places that guests tend to linger. With different stops for each, guests will not bunch up in one place trying to do both, and it actually encourages mingling!

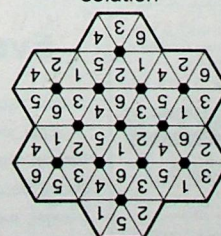
• Looking for a great cause for gifting this year? Go to www.charitynavigator.org to find out more about how your prospective charities rank in areas like CEO pay, money spent on fundraising, etc.

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure!

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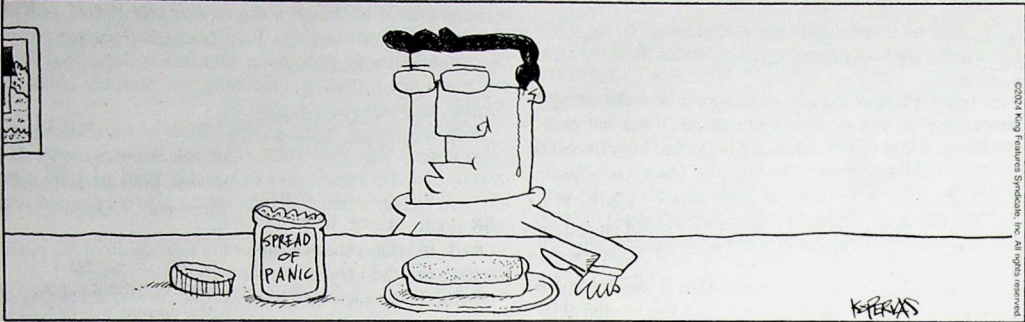
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Amber Waves

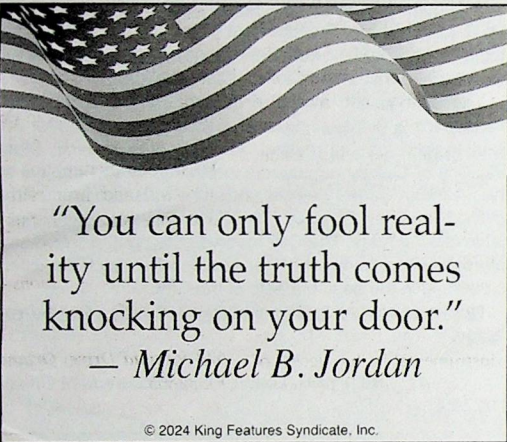


Out on a Limb

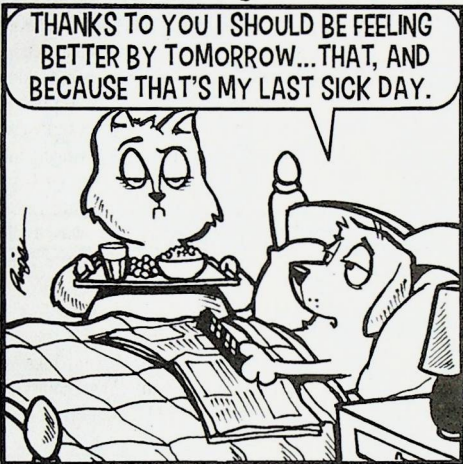
by Gary Kopervas



Americanisms



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"Please, Mother, we refer to this as a wedding reception ... not a _____ dinner!"

Lost SAYTAR _____

Cancel EKOVER _____

Assert TATES _____

Lean LIECINN _____

TODAY'S WORD

STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of December 2, 2024

- 3-Dec: "Star Wars: Skeleton Crew" (Season 1) - Netflix
- 5-Dec: "Creature Commandos" (Season 1) - Max
- 3-Dec: "Jack in Time for Christmas" (TV-G) - Prime Video
- 5-Dec: "Subservience" (R) - Netflix
- 6-Dec: "Mary" (NR) - Netflix
- 6-Dec: "The Sticky" (Season 1) - Prime Video
- 3-Dec: "As Ione: The Israeli-Palestinian Pop Music Journey" (Docuseries) - Paramount+
- 6-Dec: "A Nonsense Christmas with Sabrina Carpenter" (Musical Special) - Netflix
- 4-Dec: "Churchill at War" (Docuseries) - Netflix
- 5-Dec: "Black Doves"

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Winter coat & booties can keep pets healthy in the winter

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We had a cold snap a couple of weeks ago, and the morning temperature dipped below freezing. After taking my Labradoodle, "Pierre," for a walk around the block, I noticed he was shivering, and he walked with a tiny limp the rest of the day. He's OK now, but it didn't seem so cold when we went out. From now on, I'll make sure he has a doggie sweater and booties on for walks, even if there is no snow on the ground. - Sara in Bennington, Vermont

DEAR SARA: That's a good plan. I'm glad Pierre is doing fine now, but I'm sure that was a scary lesson. Small dogs can be quickly affected by cold temperatures. Even when the weather is above freezing, their little bodies can get chilled

very quickly. Even large dogs can suffer from the cold. And ice-cold pavement can be dangerous for paws, no matter how big or small your dog is. The pads on their paws can get frostbitten. Dry, cold temperatures can cause the skin of the pads to chap and crack, resulting in a lot of discomfort. Put a protective jumper or coat on your pet before going out when temperatures dip into the 40s (or single-digit Celsius). Booties will protect their paws from frozen sidewalks and from ice or other debris that might injure their pads. At the end of each walk, check their paws for cuts. If the pads appear dry, apply a balm for pet paws like Musher's Secret, Bag Balm or Burt's Bees. Some dogs don't like wearing booties or coats. Work with them between walks to make them more comfortable: Put their coat on in the house for a minute, then five, then 10. Same with the booties. Give them lots of praise and treats during the process; they'll eventually tolerate it. Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com. © 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

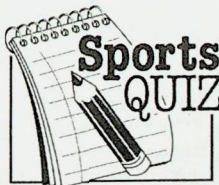
WORD LADDERS

Can you go from FLIPS to PLEAD in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

FLIPS

PLEAD

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1. He played wide receiver at Notre Dame and was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 2018. His younger brother played wide receiver at USC and was drafted by the Detroit Lions in 2021. Who are they?
2. What St. Louis Cardinals outfielder hit four home runs and tied the Major League Baseball record for RBIs in a single game with 12 during a 15-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds in 1993?
3. What organization, based in France, is the global governing body of table football (aka foosball)?
4. In January 1920, Joe Malone of the Quebec Bulldogs set the still-standing NHL record of

- goals scored in a single game with how many?
5. Name the LPGA Tour golfer who became the youngest player to claim a major tournament title when she won the 2007 Kraft Nabisco Championship at age 18.
6. In 2017, what NBA player released the Big Baller Brand ZO2 athletic shoe with a price tag of \$495?
7. Annette Bening was nominated for a Best Actress Oscar at the 96th Academy Awards for her starring role as what long-distance swimmer?

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WORD LADDER Answer

PLEAS, PLEASE, PLEAD, FLIES, FLIES, FLIES

SCRAMBLERS

1. Astray 2. Revolve 3. State 4. Incline

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 2019 French Open winner Ashleigh _____
- 6 Cold season sound
- 7 Arm rest?
- 8 Mount in Exodus
- 9 Astra and Corsa, e.g.

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
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Down

- 1 Deep-voiced singer at La Scala
- 2 At _____ (in one session)
- 3 Cologne's river
- 4 Like elevator music, generally
- 5 Meditation teachers

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CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Public Buildings

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"Fabrication & Installation of Historic Signs"
City of Quincy, Massachusetts

The Department of Public Buildings for the City of Quincy, Massachusetts is seeking sealed bids for the **Squantum Elementary School Off-Site Underground Electrical and Communication Improvements** until 2:00 P.M. local time, **Thursday December 12, 2024**, in the Office of the Purchasing Department, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169, at which time and place all bids will be opened, read aloud.

Bids will be received via U.S. mail or courier or in the Purchasing Department. The Bid opening will be performed in accordance with the Inspector General's and Attorney General's guidelines (as applicable) for Bid openings.

The Work under this Contract includes, but is not limited to, construction of underground facilities to assist in the overhead utility relocation to underground within sections of Standish Rd., Huckins Ave., Winslow Rd. and Mayflower Rd. around Squantum Elementary School to assist with off-site improvements for a new school reconstruction project. The work includes but is not limited to construction electrical and communication handholes, vaults and ducts bank and all materials, equipment, services and construction inherent to the Work as shown on the contract drawings and located surrounding Squantum Elementary School in Quincy, MA.

The Work shall be initiated on or around January 2, 2025. The work shall be substantially completed within 90 calendar days from the commencement of the contract time and completed and ready for final payment 120 calendar days from the commencement of the contract time.

Detailed specifications will be available November 26, 2024, at no cost on-line at the City of Quincy's Website, https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids.php. Bidders shall send a confirming email to "mmarini@quincyma.gov" to allow Owner to maintain a plan holders list. If Bidding Documents are downloaded and/or printed from Owner's website, it is Bidder's responsibility to check the website for any addenda before submitting a Bid. The Owner will not be responsible for any Bid that omits addenda acknowledgement. Bidding Documents will also be made available upon written request to the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM by means of delivered documents for a refundable printing charge of \$100.00 if returned 10 days within Bid opening and in unused condition.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the Bid in the form of a Bid bond or certified/treasurer's check. The bidding and award of this Contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations, when applicable in relation to Minority Business Enterprise, Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Work Force, Equal Employment Opportunity, and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced Bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch
Mayor
11/27/24

Paul J. Hines, J.D.
Director, Dept. Public Buildings

Kathryn R. Logan, J.D.
Chief Procurement Officer

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For

FILED SUB BIDDER AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS

CITY OF QUINCY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
1305 HANCOCK STREET
QUINCY, MA 02169

Invites sealed bids for furnishing and delivering to the City of Quincy:

LINCOLN HANCOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KITCHEN RENOVATIONS

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS

for "FILED SUB CONTRACTORS"
for "GENERAL CONTRACTORS"

December 12, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
December 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

A non-mandatory site visit for both Sub-Contractors and General Contractors will be on **Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** on the project site. (300 Granite Street, Quincy, MA 02169) This meeting is strongly recommended to attend.

The City of Quincy, on behalf of the Department of Public Buildings, invites bidders to submit sealed bids for the "LINCOLN HANCOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KITCHEN RENOVATIONS PROJECT", in accordance with contract documents prepared by Clark Brewer, Architect. The work of this contract includes but is not limited to the selected demolition, minor masonry, metal stud, GWB, ceiling, finishes, doors and hardware, kitchen equipment, and plumbing. The General Bidder must include the cost of kitchen equipment estimated to be \$140,000.00. General Bidders must be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for Mechanical Systems. The total project is estimated to cost \$903,301.00.

Trade Categories	Est. Constr. Cost	Trade Categories	Est. Constr. Cost
Electrical	\$86,041.00	HVAC	\$94,080.00
Flooring	\$25,960.00	Plumbing	\$153,906.00

The Successful "General Contractor" and "Filed Sub Contractor" must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management. Copy of the DCAM Update Statement and certificate of eligibility must be submitted with the bid.

Detailed specifications will be available November 27, 2024, at no cost on-line at the City's website. (https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids.php) Bidders shall send a confirming email to: mmarini@quincyma.gov to maintain a plan holders list. If Bidding Documents are downloaded and/or printed from the website, it is bidder's responsibility to check the website for any addenda before submitting a bid. The City will not be responsible for any bid that omits addenda acknowledgement. Bidding documents are also available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. All inquiries for **Filed Subs** will be accepted until December 6, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Inquiries for **General Contractors** will be accepted until December 13, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-J, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Paul Hines, Commissioner of Public Buildings
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

11/27/24

The City of Quincy is soliciting bids for the **Fabrication and Installation of Historic Signs Project**. The awarded vendor will design, fabricate, and install historic signage throughout the City. These signs will commemorate and highlight the historical significance of various locations and landmarks. The City will provide the textual content for each sign and approve all designs to ensure consistency with the City's historic aesthetic guidelines. The final dimensions of the signs will be approximately 24" by 30", with materials and exact specifications to be finalized during the design phase in collaboration with the City.

The selected contractor will be responsible for providing comprehensive services for the design, fabrication, and installation of historic signage. Each phase of the project must be carried out with meticulous attention to detail to ensure the signs are historically accurate, aesthetically pleasing, durable, and securely installed.

Bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A 5% bid bond is required for the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and also available at the office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until December 6, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M, as last revised. All applicable Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations in relation to and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

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Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
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11/27/24

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Request for Proposals (RFP)

"Lease of Outdoor Space at Historic Tide Mill Site"

City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts

Notice

DUE: January 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Office of the City Solicitor, is soliciting proposals for the lease of property known as the Historic Tide Mill Site located at 610 Southern Artery, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. The disposition of the property is subject to the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L.c.30B. The provisions of M.G.L. c. 30B, Section 16, are incorporated herein by reference. The selected bidder will be required to submit a disclosure of beneficial interest in order to comply with M.G.L. c.7, Section 40J.

The property to be leased is a 5 Acre (219,831 +/-sf) irregular shaped lot containing a historical Tide Mill structure, piers, and a wharf. The land is in a Designated Port Area. A proposal that enhances public enjoyment of this unique marine site is preferred and required.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on October 16, 2024.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until January 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the RFP; to reject any and all proposals; and to accept any proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy. Late proposals, delivered by mail or in person, will be rejected.

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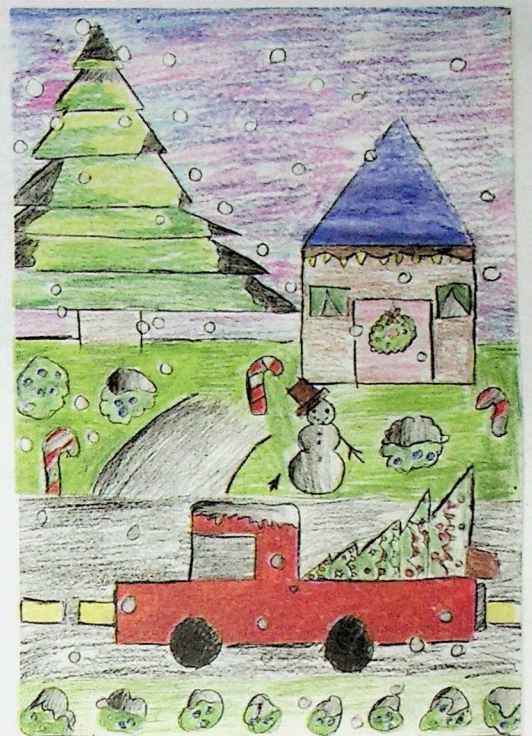
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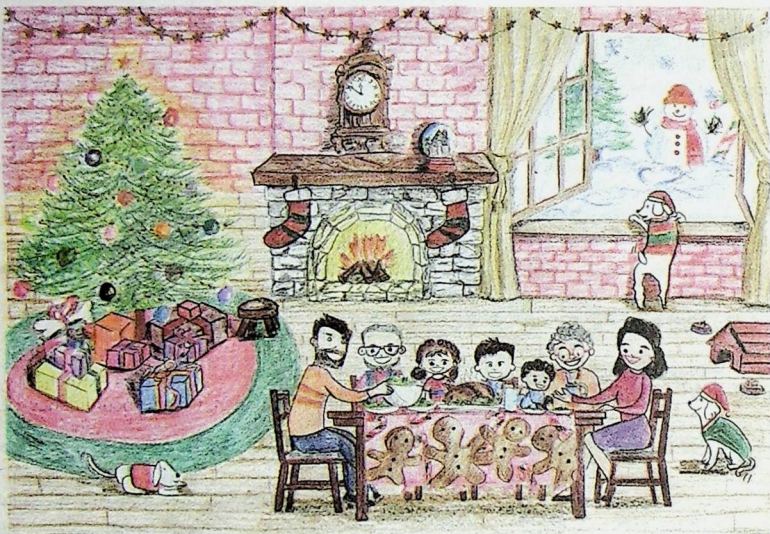
HAZEL LI, Grade 2, Clifford Marshall



RYAN (EDUARDO) ESTEBAN LUNA,
Grade 1, Merrymount



MISHA JADLI, Grade 5, Quincy Catholic Academy

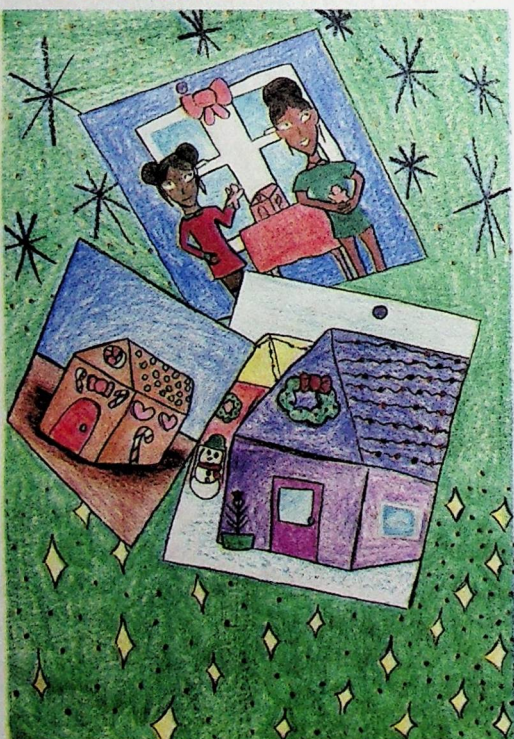


ALEXANDRA LEE, Grade 5, South West Middle



JEFFERY (ZHAO) ZHOU, Grade 1, Montclair

More Honorable Mentions: Christmas Poster Contest

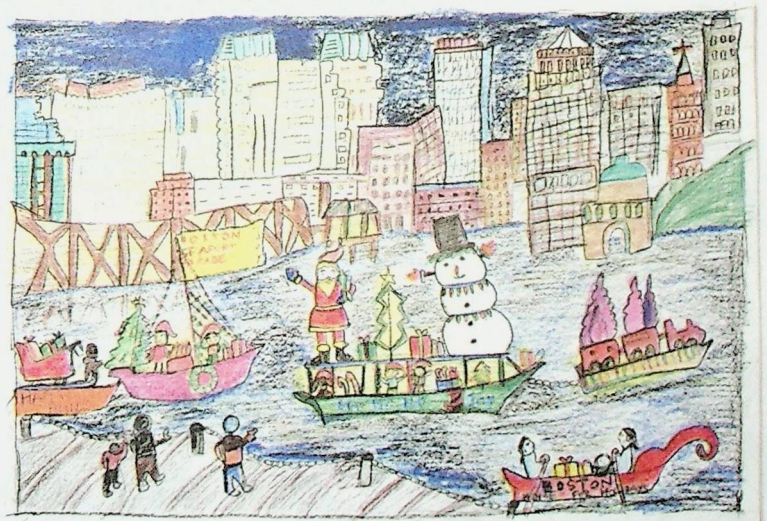


OLIVIA BARROS, Grade 5, Quincy Catholic Academy

The winning and honorable mention posters in this year's Quincy Christmas Poster contest are on display now in the front window of The Quincy Sun.

A photo of the display appears below.

The posters will remain on display until the first week of January, 2025. Posters can then be picked up by the families at the Quincy Sun, 1372 Hancock St., Quincy Center. Hours Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



UZAIR SYED AHMED, Grade 4, Parker Elementary



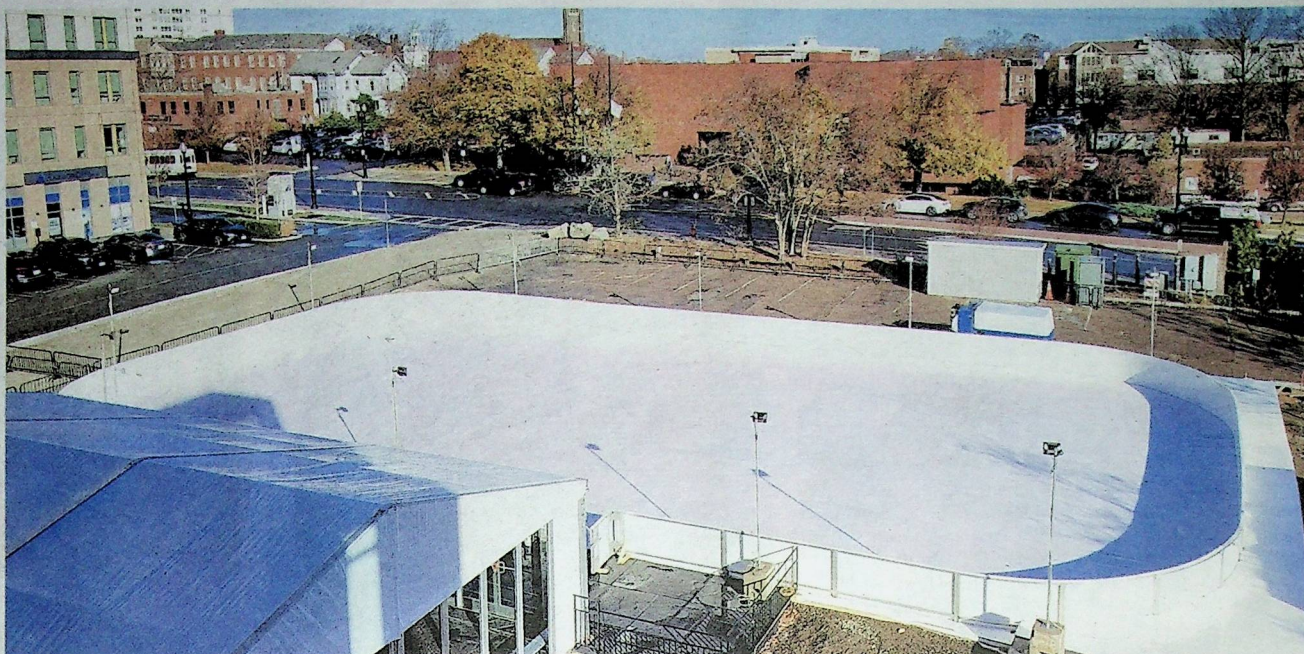
Downtown Outdoor Skating Rink Set To Open Dec. 2

The City of Quincy will open its outdoor downtown skating rink on Monday, Dec. 2nd, Mayor Thomas Koch announces. The rink will be open seven days a week from noon to 8 p.m. for community skating.

The rink will remain open through the end of February school vacation week. Public skating and skate rentals will be provided without charge again this year.

The rink location has been moved to Dennis Ryan Parkway, across from the courthouse and next to the Kilroy Square parking garage. There is limited on-street parking and plenty of parking available in the Kilroy Square garage.

"We aim to build on last year's overwhelming success by again providing families a fun, free, outdoor activity right in our downtown," Koch said. "I encourage folks to again join in the fun for a skate and spend some time patronizing our downtown businesses. We are always looking for ways to enhance the quality of life in our city and the rink was a huge hit last year. We hope to continue to build upon that success



CITY OF QUINCY will open its outdoor downtown skating rink Monday, Dec. 2. The rink, located adjacent to the Kilroy Square parking garage and across from the Francis X. Bellotti Courthouse, will be open seven days a week from noon to 8 p.m. for community skating. The rink will remain open through the end of February school vacation week. This photo of the rink was taken from the fourth floor of the parking garage Nov. 22.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

this upcoming winter."

Skate times can be reserved by Quincy residents during peak weekend hours by visiting QuincyRec.com or through the City website QuincyMA.gov. It is recommended that Quincy residents set up an account on QuincyRec.com to facilitate

the reservation process.

"The downtown skating rink was very popular last year and helps showcase the incredible improvements that have been made throughout Quincy Center," said Commissioner of Natural Resources Dave Murphy. "I want to thank Mayor

Koch for his commitment to this program and for the complete transformation of our downtown. Countless residents, young and old, enjoyed this free activity last winter and we hope to serve even more people this year."

This year's rink will

be slightly larger than last year's rink at 106 feet x 56 feet. This will allow an increase in the amount of people that can skate at any given time, city officials said. The rink will be staffed by the Department of Natural Resources to ensure safety, order, and quality ice.

"We are creating a winter wonderland for our residents downtown with music, decorations, and the skating rink," Koch said. "Regardless of your skating skill level, we encourage you to come down and enjoy this wonderful opportunity."

Quincy Police Free Personal Safety Program Dec. 10

The Quincy Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will be offering another free personal safety program on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. at 1250 Hancock St.

In addition to daily child car seat installations/inspections and monthly women's self-defense classes, we will be offering a two-hour course on the use of pepper spray. Those who have attended the self-defense classes have asked for in-depth instruction on the use of pepper spray as an additional level of protection. Although the self-defense classes are just for females, the pepper spray class will be open for men and women ages 18 and over.

Sign Up For the Training

Please take a moment to read through the Training Information Section below. To sign up, please use the Civilian Pepper Spray Training Sign Up Form posted on the Quincy Police Department website.

The link is:

https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/police/programs/sign_up_for_training.php

Training Information

Foremost, no one will be pepper sprayed! The course will cover:

What is pepper spray?

How to use pepper spray

When to consider the use of pepper spray

Which pepper spray to consider, where to get it and how to carry it

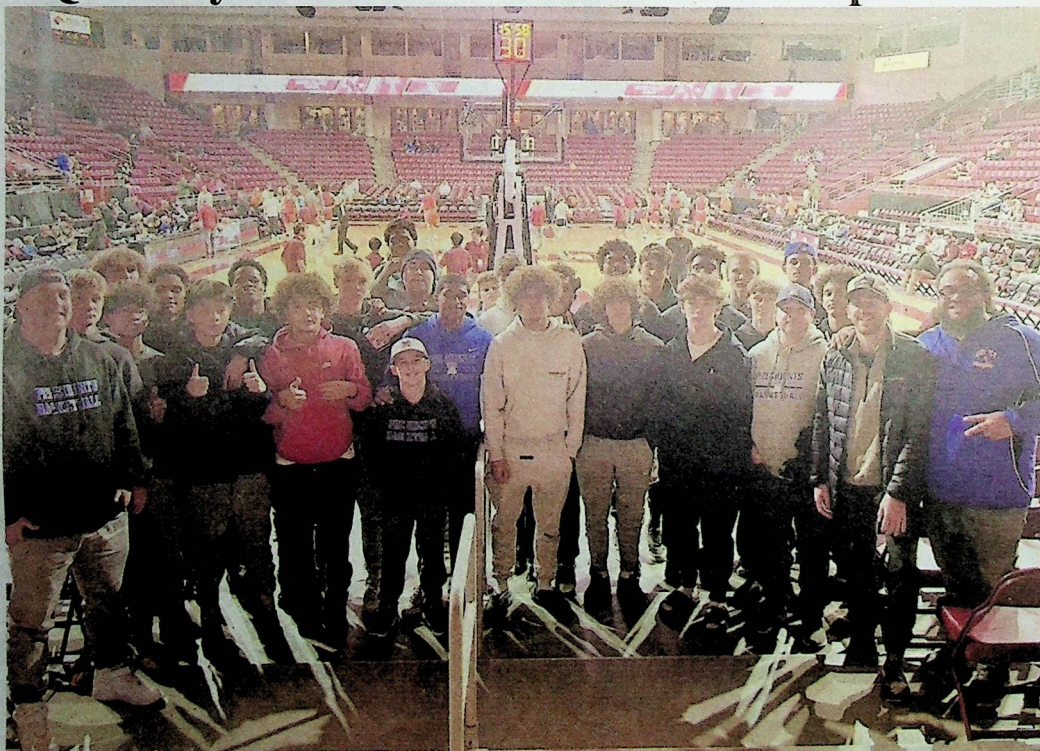
The effects of pepper spray and how to treat yourself if exposed

Getting away from the attacker

Legal ramifications of situations of use.

We DO NOT supply any pepper spray and please DO NOT bring any pepper spray to the class.

QHS Boys' Basketball Attends B.C. Hoop Game



QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL boys' basketball team recently attended a Boston College basketball game at Conte Forum, Chestnut Hill. Some 30 players and youth took part in the outing and watched the Eagles defeat the Temple Owls, 72-69 on Nov. 15. Head Coach Matt Ramponi said the experience provided memories that will last a lifetime. "Being able to give them opportunities to go to a college basketball game, on a beautiful and prestigious campus like Boston College, was really special," he said. Ramponi also noted the team volunteers at Father Bill's Place filling hundreds of sandwich bags and also helps out at summer basketball clinics that are free for Quincy boys and girls.

Courtesy Photo

QUINCY POLICE



CIVILIAN PEPPER SPRAY CLASS

MPL Writing Programs

The Milton Public Library Dr. Herb Voigt Writer-in-Residence, Calvin Hennick, is presenting two programs in December. For more information and registration visit: miltonlibrary.org/about/writer-in-residence/

Drop-in Writing Workshop

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7-8:30 PM

Bring a selection of your writing (up to three pages) - or even just your ideas - to get real time feedback at this informal workshop.

Food & Family: One-Night Writing Workshop

Monday, Dec. 9, 7 PM

A generative writing session focused on family meals / holiday gatherings, including some brief writing exercises and optional sharing sessions.

Registration is limited and required.



SHERIFF PATRICK McDERMOTT congratulates Director of Mental Health Anne Collins, a 2024 Massachusetts Sheriff's Association Employee of the Year. At right: Collins and McDermott with members of the Sheriff's Office Honor Guard. From left to right, Sheriff McDermott, Lt. David Sheehan, Officer Andrew Treannie, Anne Collins and Officer Paul Coletta.

Courtesy Photos



Anne Collins 2024 MA Sheriff's Association Employee Of The Year

Anne Collins, the director of mental health at the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, is a 2024 Employee of the Year, presented by the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association.

"Anne Collins is a true superstar, and a critical part of our agency's success," said Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott. "Anne goes above and beyond every day to ensure those in

need of mental health services receive exceptional care. Her exemplary work ethic is felt by not only those in our custody, but each individual working at the sheriff's office."

Collins was recently presented with the award at the Annual Law Enforcement and Corrections Awards Ceremony in the Great Hall at the Massachusetts State House. The MSA ceremony

recognized the extraordinary contributions of individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to the communities they serve across the Commonwealth.

Collins was named director of mental health at the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office in 2020. She previously worked as a mental health clinician for the Department of Correction at

MCI Cedar Junction, working with all individuals entering the DOC system to diagnose and treat the mentally ill population. Collins has extensive experience working in the community as an inpatient clinician, partial hospitalization clinician and individual therapist in a private agency.

"Of all of these professional experiences, working with the justice-involved

population has been the most rewarding, and is the population I choose to dedicate my career," says Collins. "One of the most rewarding aspects of this role is gaining trust and building rapport with those who are resistant to working with mental health, and changing the way they view engaging in mental health treatment."

Collins is a leading voice in the multi-disciplinary team at the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, ensuring that our security teams have the information necessary for specific patient needs, which provides for a safe environment for patients and staff.

"One of the things I like most about the environment is the pace and challenge of working to stabilize those in our care and supporting them through the justice process," said Collins. "Thank you for this award."

It is huge honor, and puts an important highlight on the importance of mental health treatment in the correctional setting."

Collins' extensive knowledge of both ACA and NCCHC standards has ensured the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office meets and even exceeds expected levels of care. Her work and expertise has played a significant role in helping the agency receive perfect scores on ACA and NCCHC audits.

Collins hold Certifications as a Certified Correctional Health Professional - Mental Health and as a Certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor.

When not at work Collins loves to be outdoors, hiking, running, kayaking, spending time with her family, reading and going to concerts. She recently completed the Boston 10K for Women and her first Spartan Race at Fenway Park.

Quincy Memorials Among Fastest Growing Private Companies

Quincy Memorials, a provider of enduring monuments with five locations in the greater Boston area, has been named to the Inc. 5000 List of Fastest Growing Private Companies in the United States for the second consecutive year.

Quincy Memorials was ranked 3,512 overall on the

prestigious roster based on their 137% growth over the last three years. Last year the company ranked 3,910.

In addition Quincy Memorials was voted "Best of South Shore 2024" in South Shore Home, Life & Style Magazine.

"Our focus on creating the best customer experi-

ence, our operational excellence and our investment in technology are setting the standards in the industry," said Jeffrey M. Poirier, CEO/president and co-owner of Quincy Memorials. "Our core values are the key to our growth and this national recognition as one of the fastest growing companies in the United States. Our team works with purpose and passion and we are

always pursuing the knowledge to create the best service for our customers."

Quincy Memorials is a member of the Massachusetts Cemetery Association, the New England Monument Builders Association and the Monument Builders of North America.

Jeffrey M. Poirier is president of the Massachusetts Monument Builders Association.

Bethany Church

Bethany Congregational Church, 18 Spear St., Quincy, invites the public to First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, Dec. 1 with Rev. Bert Côté preaching. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour is held after services in the Allen Parlor. Come for refreshments and conversation.

Upcoming events include a "Blue Christmas" service on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 7 p.m. in our church chapel. This short, meaningful service is a way to leave our emotional fears behind us and to focus on the joy of the upcoming Advent.

There will be a Christmas Eve Service at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24th with candles and lots of singing.

Visit the Thrift Shop located at 22 Spear St. right next to the church. The hours are Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday evenings 4 to 7 p.m. A sign directs you toward the entrance. Proceeds from this shop are

used to fund missions.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets most weeks on Friday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. If you can knit or crochet, you are welcome to join us. We knit and/or crochet prayer shawls that are then blessed and distributed to people who are ill or undergoing difficulties. We also make items - hats and scarves - for the New England Seafarers Mission. If you are interested in joining this group, please call the church office to find out which dates we are meeting.

Broad Horizons Preschool is open and accepting students both full and part-time. To inquire and/or fill out an application, go to the website at broadhorizonsbethany.com or call 617-471-0022.

Bethany Congregational Church website is: bethanycongregchurch.org. Email address is: bethanycongregchurch@yahoo.com. Telephone number is: 617-479-7300.



COLORFUL RAINBOW brightens the sky over Quincy the morning of Nov. 22. This photo was taken from Greenleaf Street, overlooking Butler's Pond by Quincy Sun interior decorating columnist Barbara Graceffa.



*T*hanksgiving is a tradition that dates back to our earliest roots as a Nation.
At this time of year, we reflect and give thanks for the many blessings
bestowed on this country.

I would like to take a moment to pause and express my gratitude to the
people of Quincy for the opportunity to serve as mayor of the greatest
City in the Commonwealth.

I thank our veterans for protecting our freedoms. I thank our spiritual
leaders for the nourishment they provide for the soul. I thank the
organizations and agencies serving those in need.

I thank our City employees for teaching our children, protecting our streets
and delivering outstanding services to our residents. I thank those who
volunteer their time in service to our neighbors and our community. I thank
our business and labor leaders for their commitment to our City.

I thank God for the gifts of life, family and friendship.

Thank you, Quincy.
H A P P Y
Thanksgiving

Mayor Tom and Christine Koch

